

It has been three years since a ban was imposed on single-use plastic items. But a look around you is enough to reveal that this restriction has come to nought as plastic continues to rule the roost

PLASTICKY NOTES

Between Sept 2019 and June 2022, BBMP seized over 15,000 kg of banned items

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Today marks the third anniversary of the Centre's ban on single-use plastic (SUP) items. Starting July 1, 2022, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) imposed a nationwide ban on 19 SUP items. Following the ban, the central pollution watchdog announced that anyone caught using, selling, manu-

facturing, distributing, importing, or stocking these products would be penalised.

However, the banned items continue to be sold and used across various markets and countless shops across Bengaluru.

According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), nearly Rs 3 crore as a penalty amount has been raised since the ban was enforced. This amount has been collected through more than 90,000 seizure cases, leading to the

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FLEECE EXCUSE

22 special teams spread across key zones in city to put brakes on auto drivers who try to overcharge passengers



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The advertisement has a solid red background. At the top left, the 'BRITANNIA' logo is in white inside a red-bordered shield shape. Below it, the word 'BREADS' is written in large, bold, white letters with a green outline. A large, curved banner across the middle reads 'HAR SLICE PAR PRIZE' in white, outlined letters. On the left, a man named Ankit Kumar Modi, wearing glasses and a yellow shirt over a green t-shirt, gives a thumbs up while holding a small blue card. To his right are two loaves of bread: 'VITARICH SANDWICH' in a blue bag and 'BROWN' in a brown bag, both tied with ribbons and featuring a 'HAR SLICE PAR PRIZE' sticker. A yellow ribbon banner below the bread says 'Ankit Kumar Modi won a foreign trip# — you can too!'. At the bottom, three large yellow words read 'Grab Scan Win~' followed by 'your pack the QR code exciting prizes'. The footer contains logos for various retailers like Blinkit, Zepto, BigBasket, etc., and a disclaimer about the limited offer.

THINGS TO DO

01 Mirror muse

The Purple Turtles is presenting 'A Festival of Mirrors', a curated showcase of sculptural, handcrafted mirrors that celebrate heritage, form, and function. Where: The Purple Turtles, Indiranagar; When: June 25 to July 9, 10.30 am to 8 pm



02 Tune in

Rajesh Krishnan, will be performing live, presenting a soulful, nostalgic, and electrifying



night. The iconic playback singer will be celebrating decades of Kannada musical brilliance by mesmerising the audience with timeless hits. Where: Orion Mall, Rajajinagar; When: July 26, 6.30 pm

03 Unfolding history



Indian Institute of World Culture is hosting a unique and thought-provoking exhibition as part of a continuing effort to commemorate Doctors' Day by exploring India's rich healing heritage. Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi; When: July 1 to 4, 10 am to 7 pm

04 Artistic journey

Bharati Sagar, a Bangalore based senior artist is doing a solo show titled 'A Tryst with Nature', that aims to compel viewers to create a story and enter a world of fantasy in a tryst with nature's beings. Where: MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road; When: June 21 to July 2, 11 am to 6.30 pm

05 Art awakening

Sublime Galleria is presenting 'Ethereal Charm' by Niladri Ghosh, encompassing forests and wildlife. Ghosh uses his art to highlight the importance of protecting nature. Where: Sublime Galleria, UB City; When: June 13 to July 6

06 Page turner

Urban Solace Café is hosting Sumedha Shukla, an independent writer and artist, for this 'Tuesdays with the Bard @ Urban Solace' edition. Where: Urban Solace Café, Ulsoor; When: July 1, 7.30 pm



Fight deepfakes like the Danes did it, says B'luru

Bringing in copyright laws like Denmark could be transformative in curbing misuse of identity through deepfakes, say citizens

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Denmark has become the first country to grant its citizens copyright over their own faces and voices — a bold legislative step aimed at combating the rising threat of deepfakes. The development has sparked admiration and debate in India, particularly amongst young professionals in Bengaluru, who are calling for similar protections here to address the increasing misuse of artificial intelligence and digital manipulation.

Digital identity crisis

Deepfakes — AI-generated content that digitally alters or fabricates a person's likeness in videos, images, or voice recordings — have moved from harmless entertainment to serious threats. In India, incidents involving morphed images, fake audio clips, and impersonated videos are on the rise, leading to misinformation, cyberbullying, and reputational harm. Denmark's decision to legally empower its citizens to own their digital identity has been seen as a forward-thinking strategy, and Bengalureans believe India should explore the same.

'Not just about privacy'

Rachana Prasad, a 22-year-old media graduate from Bengaluru, hailed Denmark's law as a visionary move that goes beyond data protection. "A friend of mine had her face morphed onto a viral video without her



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knowledge. It was humiliating, and she had no real legal recourse. What Denmark is doing gives people control over their digital self — that's not just privacy, it's dignity," she said.

Call for identity copyright

Karthik V, a 26-year-old software developer working in AI and cybersecurity, sees this development as a natural evolution of intellectual property rights. "I own the copyright to a song I create, but I can't legally control my own voice when it's faked by AI? That doesn't make sense in a digital society," he argued.

Legal empowerment to victims

Ananya Rao, a 24-year-old law student from Bengaluru's National Law School, stressed the legal gap in India. "Currently, victims of deepfake abuse have to go through long and exhausting legal battles to prove a video or clip is fake. But under Denmark's model,

the presumption of ownership lies with the individual — making it easier to challenge impersonation or misuse," she explained, adding that such a law could be transformative for those who are targets of deepfake harassment.

Sahil Mehta, a 27-year-old digital strategist, believes such a law could redefine ethical boundaries in content creation. "Platforms and AI companies will be forced to introduce guardrails and consent mechanisms. Right now, there's a free-for-all when it comes to AI-generated videos. That needs to change," he said.

Feasibility in India

Ashwin Bhat, a cybersecurity expert highlighted that Denmark has a small, digitally literate population. "India, on the other hand, has vast diversity — across languages, legal literacy, internet access, and enforcement mechanisms. Implementing copyright over biometric identity at this scale is going to be complex," he said.

Govt denies seat hike proposals

The Karnataka government has rejected seat increase proposals submitted by two reputed engineering colleges following their alleged involvement in the 2024 Common Entrance Test (CET) seat blocking scam. These colleges had sought additional intake approval from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for the 2025-26 academic year in streams such as Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. Though AICTE granted the approvals based on existing infrastructure, the state government has withheld the No Objection Certificate (NOC), effectively blocking the seat hike. The move comes in light of the charge sheet filed by police against these institutions, which are under scrutiny for financial irregularities in the admission process. Despite AICTE and VTU clearing the intake increase, the Higher Education Department is awaiting legal counsel before making a final decision on the matter.

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Scholarship eludes class 9 and 10 again

The State Minority Welfare Department has invited online applications for the 2025-26 pre-matric scholarship for students of classes 1 to 8, excluding those in classes 9 and 10 — a move that has drawn criticism from parents. OBC students, who earlier received scholarships up to class 10, now get it only for classes 9 and 10 post-COVID, with students from classes 1 to 8 left out, says Bindhya Nayak, District Officer for Backward Classes Welfare. Meanwhile, officials confirmed that the Social Welfare and Tribal Welfare departments continue to provide scholarships to SC/ST students from classes 1 to 10. Despite the state government stepping in after the Centre halted minority pre-matric scholarships, aid has only reached classes 1 to 8 over the last two years.

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Harish Padmanabha elected president of Bangalore Club

Harish J Padmanabha has been elected as the president and Dr Pradeep M Rao as the vice president of the Bangalore Club, which has a legacy of 157 years. The other elected committee members include Sandeep C Raghuram, Vikram Bihani, Virina Subbaiah, Sandya Kutappa, SP Sriranga, Arjun P Rego, and Sanjay Udani, according to an official release. -BMB



Seated from left to right: Sandeep C Raghuram, Vikram Bihani, Dr Pradeep M Rao, Harish J Padmanabha, Virina Subbaiah, Sandya Kutappa; standing from left to right: SP Sriranga, Arjun P Rego, Sanjay Udani

Helping hands reach those in need

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Helping Heroes India Foundation, in association with The Indian Ploggers Army, successfully conducted a donation drive at the newly added Bommanahalli cluster. Families from the newly-added area, which is a home to a mix of below-poverty-line and low-income families, welcomed the initiative with enthusiasm.

Over the past 15 days, the volunteers made efforts to collect, sort, and ready a full vehicle load of pre-used goods, including clothing, footwear, toys, and books. The collected items



Residents select clothes from the donation drive at the Bommanahalli cluster

— ranging from newborn babywear and sarees to t-shirts, footwear, and school supplies — were thoughtfully displayed to ensure easy visibility.

Tokens were distributed in ad-

vance to manage the crowd efficiently, and attendees were allowed in small groups of five, enabling each individual to thoughtfully choose between 5 to 8 items.

Reflecting on the day, Younes Matheen, a key figure in the initiative, shared, "Seeing the joy on people's faces as they picked their own items — it felt like they were shopping at a mall. That sense of dignity and choice is what truly matters." He added that such programmes are conducted once in three months at each cluster, hence anyone wanting to donate any item can reach out to the organisation.

The distribution concluded by 3 pm, with smiles all around.



7 golden rules of personal finance everyone should know

Pay yourself first

Before spending on anything else, set aside at least 20% of your income for savings or investments. Automate this to make it effortless.

Follow the 50:30:20 rule

Use this budgeting rule: 50% of your income goes to needs, 30% to wants, and 20% to savings. It helps maintain financial

discipline.

Build an emergency fund

Life is unpredictable. Keep 6-9 months' worth of expenses in a liquid fund or savings account for sudden job loss or health emergencies.

Avoid bad debt

High-interest loans and

unpaid credit cards drain your finances. Always repay in full and avoid debt for lifestyle expenses.

Start investing early

The earlier you start, the more your money grows thanks to compounding. Even Rs 500 monthly SIPs can make a big difference over time.

Protect with insurance

Health and term life insurance protect your family and wealth. Don't delay buying cover, it gets costlier with age.

Review & rebalance regularly

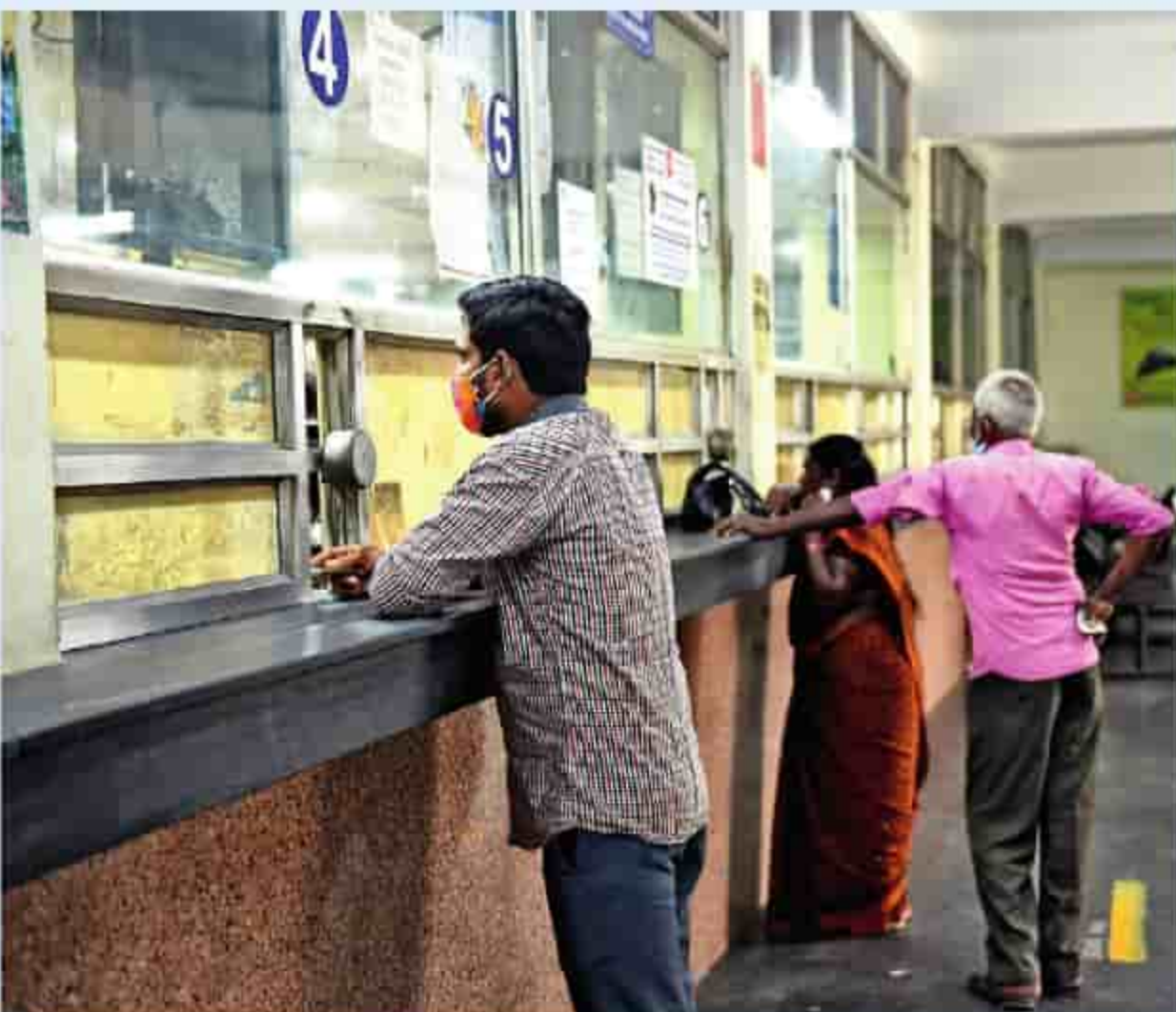
Check your finances at least once a year. Make sure your investments, savings, and goals are aligned and adjust as your life changes.

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Key changes in July

Train travellers, EPF members take note: Stricter rules and new interest rates are coming your way this month



July is set to bring key financial and service-related changes that will impact bank customers, train travelers and EPF members. Indian Railways has introduced Aadhaar-based authentication as a mandatory requirement for booking Tatkal train tickets online, with stricter rules rolling out in phases throughout the month.

Aadhaar authentication for online Tatkal train bookings

Tatkal train tickets purchased via IRCTC's ocial website and mobile app will only be accessible to individuals who have successfully authenticated with Aadhaar as of July 1, 2025. This means that passengers must link their Aadhaar number with their IRCTC user profile and verify it successfully to be able to book Tatkal tickets online.

Further, Aadhaar-based OTP authentication will become mandatory for Tatkal train tickets bookings made online starting 15th July 2025.

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Under the new rule, authorised agents will not be allowed to book Tatkal tickets during the first 30 minutes of the booking window on the day Tatkal train tickets bookings open.

Starting July 15, 2025, all Tatkal tickets booked at computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters and through authorised railway agents will require an extra layer of verification through OTP (One-Time Password) authentication.

Small Savings changes

The government will announce interest rates on small savings schemes which will be applicable from July to September quarter.

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Youth for Parivarthan revives wall with icons

On Sunday, over 150 volunteers from Youth for Parivarthan, in collaboration with Lions Club International District 317A, Leo Club of BIT, and Bangalore Institute of Technology, carried out a major beautification drive near National College Metro Station. Spanning 350 metres, the defaced walls were cleaned, primed, and transformed in just six hours into a vibrant mural celebrating India's cultural icons and Karnataka's legends.



A portion of the wall that was beautified on Sunday

Striking portraits of Dr B R Ambedkar, Subhash Chandra Bose, Swami Vivekananda, and Dr APJ Abdul Kalam were painted alongside tributes to Sir M Visvesvaraya, Kuvempu, Kempegowda, Dr Rajkumar, Shankar Nag, and others. Mandala art added visual charm.

"This was more than beautification—it was a tribute to our heritage," said Amith Amarnath, Founder-President of Youth for Parivarthan, thanking BMRC for their support.

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After 3-year-long wait, bus shelter work kicks off

Construction of bus stop near Mantri Mall offers hope to BMTC users before monsoon intensifies; work expected to be done in 15 days

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After nearly three years of waiting, commuters at the Central Bus Stop near Mantri Mall can finally look forward to some relief. Construction of a long-overdue bus shelter is now in progress at this key transit point, where hundreds of people catch BMTC buses to Malleswaram, Yeshwantpur, Vidyanarayana, Rajajinagar, and other areas. The stop, located beside the Rajiv Gandhi statue, has remained without shelter ever since the earlier structure was removed as part of a junction redesign project.

Work is being executed by the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL), and the shelter is expected to be ready within the next 15 days. It will include seating and lighting facilities to improve commuter comfort and safety.

"Construction began 25 days ago, and the shelter should be inaugurated within 15 days," said Sanjay, who is overseeing the project. "It will include benches and lighting for the convenience of the public."

Bangalore Mirror first reported on the issue on May 29, 2024. A follow-up report, Pains of



Bus shelter at Central Circle in front of Rajiv Gandhi statue

I appreciate the authorities for providing this bus shelter which will be a boon for hundreds of commuters during monsoon and summer

—Pushpa N, commuter

Beautification, published on February 7, 2025, highlighted how Gandhinagar MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao had taken steps to finalise a new shelter design after repeated appeals from residents.

Commuters expressed relief and gratitude for the long-awaited progress. "I used to run to the opposite side of the road to escape the rain," said Pratap N. "It's good to finally see this work happening."

Suresh Babu B, another commuter, shared how he endured dif-

ficult weather while waiting for buses over the past three years. "It was hard during the rainy season and summer. The new design looks good—I just hope it's well-maintained."

Pushpa N added, "This shelter will be a boon during both monsoons and harsh summers. I appreciate the authorities for taking it up." Despite repeated attempts, the KRIDL engineer involved in the project was unavailable for comment.

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Path blocked Kumara Krupa Road



Public access to the footpath near Umesh Refreshments on Kumara Krupa Road remains blocked, with large decorative pots occupying the entire pedestrian walkway.

Green hazard Kempapura



A tree collapsed onto an auto on Kempapura Main Road near Hebbal. No injuries were reported. Forest officials are on-site, and the tree needs urgent clearing to restore traffic. The case is under Amruthahalli Police jurisdiction.

Pipe leakage Brunton cross Road



A damaged underground water pipe at Brunton Cross Road has been leaking for over two weeks despite a complaint filed with BWSSB on June 18. No repair work has been carried out, and the complaint has been falsely marked "closed."

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Imposition of punishment of "Removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment" on you in respect of the acts of misconduct committed by you while you were working as Customer Service Associate at Devanur Branch (Chamarajanagara Region).

Ref: Charge sheet bearing No. KAGB HO HRW IR CS 659 2024-25 dated 02.12.2024 issued to you.

The above referred charge sheet was issued to you for the acts of misconduct committed by you while you were working as Customer Service Associate at Devanur Branch of Chamarajanagara Region.

After finding you guilty in respect of the charge levelled against you in the departmental enquiry instituted in the matter, the Disciplinary Authority has imposed punishment of "Removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment" on you in terms of regulation No.39(2)(b)(v) of Karnataka Grameena Bank (Officers & Employees) Service Regulations 2025 vide proceedings bearing No. KGB HO HRW IR CS FO 557 2025-26 dated 16.06.2025. The said proceedings were sent to Devanur Branch (Chamarajanagara Region) for delivery to you. But you have not received the said proceedings till the date of this Notice. We have also sent the said proceedings through Registered Post bearing No. RK674122246IN on 18.06.2025 to your last known address at Bengaluru. But, on 27.06.2025 the said Registered Post was returned by the Postal Department quoting the reason as "Addressee has left the place or moved".

Hence, through this paper publication, you are hereby informed that the date of effect of imposition of punishment of "Removal from service which shall not be a disqualification for future employment" on you will come into effect on the date of publication of this notice.

Yours faithfully

Place: Ballari
Date: 30.06.2025

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Unauthorised parking returns to Cubbon Park and Lalbagh



Cars parked inside Cubbon Park on Sunday morning

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Despite restrictions, unauthorised vehicle parking during prohibited hours at Cubbon Park has drawn complaints from morning walkers and environmentalists. On Sundays and public holidays, vehicle entry is banned inside the park, with limited parking permitted only in designated areas after morning hours. However, in recent weeks, vehicles have been spotted as early as 6 am, inconveniencing walkers and sparking concerns about environmental harm.

On a recent Sunday, a long line of parked cars was spotted inside Cubbon Park early in the morning, upsetting visitors who later shared photos of the scene

on social media. A similar issue persists at Lalbagh, where, despite the presence of a paid parking facility near Marigowda Hall, vehicles continue to line up near all entrance gates. Regular walkers also report that, in some cases, two-wheelers are being allowed to park right at the main entrance after a fee is collected.

Walkers questioned the need for private vehicle access when all four gates have bus connectivity, and the western gate also has metro access. "People visiting for a walk should avoid personal vehicles or use public transport. That's better for both health and the park's environment," he added. Sources revealed that pressure from senior officials, who frequent the park with their families, often forces staff to open the gates early. Public voices, however, stress that rules must apply equally to all and demand that security guards be appointed to enforce parking regulations strictly.

HC grants relief to Btv Kannada

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that temporary injunction orders can only be issued against defendants named in a suit, and restraining orders cannot be enforced against third parties who are not involved in the legal proceedings.

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued this ruling whilst approving a petition by journalist Rachappa Sathish Kumar and M/s Btv Kannada Private Limited. They had contested an ex-parte tem-

porary injunction from the City Civil and Sessions Court that ordered all social media platforms to block Btv Kannada's social media presence in April.

The court levied costs of Rs 50,000 on M/s Eaglesight Media Private Limited, the original plaintiff, payable to the petitioners.

The petitioners discovered in the third week of April, 2025, that social media platforms had blocked their page, citing a vague civil court order. Investigation revealed a

civil suit by M/s Eaglesight Media Private Limited that restricted Btv Kannada's social media activities.

The bench examined M/s Eaglesight's plaint and noted its focus on allegations against the second petitioner, with detailed litigation history between the parties.

The court directed M/s Eaglesight to include the petitioners as defendants, stating no orders could be passed against them otherwise during the suit's duration. **BMB**

HIGH COURT

Caretakers must return property, says HC

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that a property caretaker maintains possession solely on behalf of the owners, without acquiring any property interest, and must return possession when demanded by the defendants.

Justice CM Poonacha dismissed an appeal by Sriramulu who contested the Trial Court's rejection of his temporary injunction application against the defendants regarding property possession and

alienation restrictions.

The property was jointly owned by U Narayana Rao and his wife U Manorama Rao. Following U Narayana Rao's death in 1965 and U Manorama Rao's passing in March 2020, their children inherited the property. The plaintiff claimed that in 1970, U Manorama Rao rented him the property's backside for Rs 250 monthly. During her lifetime, she visited her children in the United States, whilst the plaintiff maintained continuous possession for over 50

years. His heir continued possession until the suit's filing date. The plaintiff argued this settled possession entitled him to the sought injunction.

Citing the Supreme Court's judgment in Maria Margarida Sequeira Fernandes and others V/s Erasmo Jack De Sequeria (Dead through LRs), 2012(5) SCC 370, the court concluded that the plaintiff, permitted to stay as a caretaker, possessed no property rights and must return possession upon demand, thus dismissing the appeal. **BMB**

260 cases booked in a day amidst massive crackdown on overcharging autos

Seized auto rickshaws will be fined, and in cases of repeated violations, drivers' licences and permits may be cancelled, says Transport Minister

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As part of the ongoing crackdown on fare overcharging and unauthorised auto rickshaw operations, Bengaluru's traffic and transport authorities intensified their enforcement on Monday by deploying 22 special teams across key zones to monitor and take action against violators.

Beginning at 8 am, each of the city's Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) deployed two dedicated teams to prominent areas under their jurisdiction. The teams focused on autos operating without valid permits, charging beyond government-fixed fares, and violating traffic or transport regulations.

By the end of the day-long operation, 260 cases were registered, and 98 auto rickshaws were seized for various violations. These included lack of valid documents, non-functional fare metres, and refusal to operate on metered fares.

Officials reported the highest number of violations in the Bengaluru South RTO limits, where 48 cases were booked and 18 autos seized. This was followed by Bengaluru West with 36 cases and 13

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— Ramalinga Reddy,
Karnataka Transport Minister



The crackdown follows a sharp rise in public complaints against auto rickshaw drivers, including fare manipulation, route refusals, and harassment of passengers

autos seized, Bengaluru East with 30 cases and 5 autos, and Electronic City zone with 26 cases and 8 autos. Other zones with cases booked include Bengaluru North with 25 cases, 3 autos seized, KR Puram with 19 cases and 5 autos seized, Jnanabharathi zone with 18 cases and 16 autos seized, Yelahanka zone with 11 cases and 5 autos seized, Chandapura zone with 11 cases and the seizure of 4 autos, and Devanahalli zone with 6 cases and 2 autos seized.

Rise in complaints

The crackdown follows a sharp rise in public complaints against auto rickshaw drivers, including fare manipulation, route refusals, and

harassment of passengers. The issue escalated further after the suspension of bike taxi services, which led to a surge in reports of autos demanding inflated fares and denying rides.

In response, the Transport Department launched a special enforcement drive on Sunday to curb overcharging and unauthorised operations. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy directed officials to take strict action against both traditional and app-based auto drivers accused of fare fixing.

As part of the intensified operation, 22 special teams were deployed across Bengaluru to identify and penalise violators. Traffic police have also begun booking cases against those found breaching fare and per-

mit regulations.

Speaking to BM, Minister Reddy confirmed the strong enforcement measures. "Seized auto rickshaws will be fined, and in cases of repeated violations, drivers' licences and permits may be cancelled," he stated.

He further noted that the initiative was prompted by reports of app-based autos overcharging commuters. "Although auto rickshaw fares are regulated and based on a fixed rate per kilometre, some app-based drivers are demanding as much as Rs 100 for just one kilometre, which is unacceptable," the minister added.

Authorities have said that such enforcement drives will continue in the coming weeks to ensure compliance and protect commuter rights.

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Elderly conwoman cheats nurse of gold chain in Basavanagudi

The Basavanagudi police are on the lookout for an elderly woman who duped a 42-year-old nurse by luring her with fake gold coins and escaping with her gold chain worth Rs 3 lakh.

The incident took place on Tuesday, but the victim filed a complaint only on Saturday after discovering she had been conned. According to the police, the victim was shopping on DVG Road near Gandhi Bazaar when a woman, believed to be around 60 years old, approached her asking for help to sell some gold coins.

The woman offered ten coins in exchange for the victim's gold chain and insisted she decide immediately without telling anyone. Tempted by the offer, the victim agreed and handed over her 39-gram gold chain. The scam came to light two days later when she tried to get the coins valued and was told they were just gold-plated brass. **BMB**

Man arrested for killing live-in partner, dumping body in garbage truck

A 33-year-old man from Assam has been arrested for allegedly murdering his live-in partner and attempting to dispose of her body in a BBMP garbage truck, Bengaluru police said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Shamshuddin, allegedly strangled Asha (40), a widow and native of Bengaluru, following a heated argument late Saturday night. Both were working at a housekeeping product company near Hulimavu and had been living together in a rented house in Chennammankere Achukattu, posing as husband and wife.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the couple frequently quarrelled in recent weeks, reportedly over Asha's drinking habits and her late-night phone calls. On Saturday, one such argument allegedly turned violent and led to her death.

DCP (South Division) Lokesh B Jagalasar said a murder case has been registered. Police are continuing their investigation. **BMB**

Doctors who teach: Shaping the next generation of healers

As India expands its medical infra and demand for skilled healthcare workers grows, the role of teaching doctors becomes more vital than ever

In white coats and lecture halls, operation theatres and virtual classrooms, doctors who teach form the backbone of medical education in India. These professionals do more than treat—they mentor, mould, and inspire the future of healthcare. As India expands its medical infrastructure and the demand for skilled healthcare workers grows, the role of teaching doctors becomes more vital than ever.

Balancing patient care with pedagogy, these doctor-educators wear two hats daily—clinician and mentor. Whether it's a senior surgeon guiding a junior through a complex procedure or a community health expert training future rural practitioners, teaching doctors ensure knowledge is passed on with clarity, precision, and compassion.

"Teaching is not a side task—it's the soul of medicine," says a senior



faculty member. "Every time I explain a diagnosis or demonstrate a procedure, I know I am contributing to hundreds of future lives indirectly."

Multiple responsibilities

In government and private medical colleges across India, these teaching professionals navigate a dynamic space, juggling the rigours of academic instruction with real-time clinical responsibilities. Many are involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate education, mentoring interns and residents through hands-on experience in wards and operation theatres.

"There's no better classroom than the bedside," adds a senior pediatrician and trainer. "Our students don't just learn from books—they learn from watching us break bad news gently, manage emergencies calmly, and treat each patient with dignity."

Beyond the clinical setting, many doctors engage in medical research and curriculum development. As healthcare evolves rapidly—especially with the introduction of artificial intelligence, robotics, and genomics—teaching doctors are instrumental in updating syllabi and integrating new protocols into medical education.

"Teaching during the pandemic was challenging, but it also taught us to innovate," notes an internal medicine specialist who trains interns. "We had to combine theory, com-

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passion, and virtual tools to keep our students engaged and informed."

Teaching doctors also play a crucial role in shaping the ethics and values of young medicos. In an era where the commercialisation of healthcare is often debated, these mentors instill the timeless values of empathy, patient-first care, and medical integrity.

Reforms proposed

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has recently proposed reforms to strengthen medical education by improving the teacher-student ratio, enhancing faculty training, and encouraging research. Such moves underscore the importance of doctor-educators in delivering not just technical knowledge but holistic medical wisdom. "Every doctor was once a student guided by another. We owe it to our profession and our patients to pass on the best version of medicine—scientific, ethical, and humane," said a professor.



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Doctors on the frontlines: Then and now



From ancient times to modern-day pandemics, doctors have consistently stood on the frontlines, battling diseases, comforting the afflicted, and safeguarding public health. Their role has evolved dramatically over centuries, shaped by scientific discoveries, global health crises, and societal expectations.

A retired doctor said, "Historically, doctors practised under challenging conditions, with limited tools and minimal understanding of diseases. Treatments were based more on observation, trial-and-error, and community trust than on empirical science. Physicians made house calls, carried rudimentary kits, and often relied on herbal remedies. Yet, they were deeply revered, acting as

the bridge between traditional wisdom and emerging scientific inquiry."

With the advent of the 20th century, medicine saw monumental advancements. The discovery of antibiotics, vaccines, and surgical innovations transformed the scope of what doctors could achieve. Hospitals became hubs of specialized care, and doctors assumed more structured, institutional roles. Their focus extended beyond curing diseases to preventing them, thanks to public health initiatives.

"The covid-19 pandemic further redefined the meaning of medical frontline. Doctors were no longer just healers—they became warriors, risking their lives amidst uncertainty, exhaustion, and limited re-

sources. Clad in PPE, separated from their families, and working relentless hours, they embodied resilience and sacrifice. It reminded the world of their indispensable role not just in curing, but in comforting and leading," said a physician.

Today, doctors not only operate in physical clinics but also in digital spaces. They engage in virtual consultations, offer guidance via apps, and contribute to online awareness campaigns. Their frontlines now span from remote villages to international health forums. Medical professionals are also at the heart of climate change advocacy, mental health awareness, and disaster response.

"Despite technological aid, the emotional and psychological demands of the job remain immense. Burnout, stress, and moral dilemmas are constant companions. But the calling to serve continues to drive them, just as it did centuries ago. Their frontlines may have changed, but their spirit remains undeterred. From plague outbreaks to modern pandemics, from handwritten prescriptions to AI-assisted diagnosis, doctors have evolved with time. Yet, their essence remains the same: to heal, to help, and to hold humanity through its most vulnerable moments," said a doctor.













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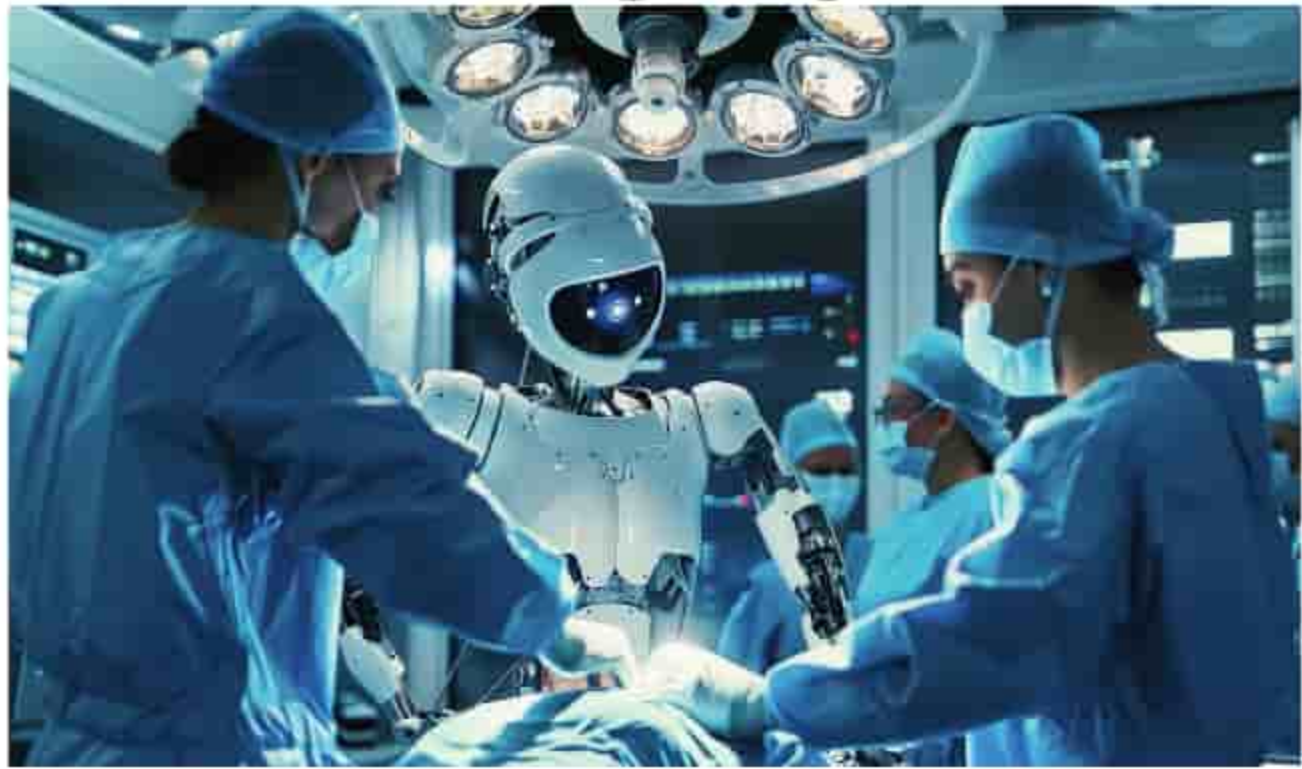
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The changing face of medicine



Medicine, as a field, is undergoing an extraordinary transformation, fuelled by technology, global health challenges, and shifting patient expectations. Gone are the days when diagnosis relied solely on physical exams and gut instinct. Today, Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning, robotics, and digital health platforms are revolutionizing healthcare delivery in ways that were unimaginable a decade ago.

A medicine professor said, “One of the most profound changes is the rise of telemedicine. Once seen as a niche convenience, telemedicine became a lifeline during the covid-19 pandemic, and has since evolved into a mainstream practice. Doctors now consult patients via video calls, allow-

ing for real-time diagnosis and treatment recommendations regardless of location. This shift is especially beneficial for rural and underserved communities, ensuring better access to specialists and continuous care.”

Experts said that AI-powered diagnostic tools are another game-changer. These systems analyse vast amounts of patient data to detect patterns that even experienced doctors might miss. From identifying early signs of cancer in imaging to predicting potential complications based on electronic health records, AI is becoming an invaluable assistant in clinical settings. Meanwhile, wearable technology enables patients to monitor vital signs like heart rate, oxygen levels, and glucose levels, pushing healthcare toward a more preventive model.

Another medical professor said, “Medical education has also embraced digital transformation. Virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) are now used in medical training to simulate surgeries and complex procedures, enhancing the learning curve for students and residents. Online platforms offer continuous learning modules, helping doctors stay updated in an era where the half-life of medical knowledge is estimated to be just a few years.”

Genomic medicine is adding a new dimension to personalised healthcare. By analysing an individual’s genetic makeup, doctors can now design customized treatment plans, especially in oncology, where targeted therapies are showing promising results. This form of precision medicine not only increases efficacy but also reduces adverse effects.

Despite these technological leaps, the core values of medicine—empathy, communication, and patient care—remain unchanged. “The evolving landscape brings its own set of challenges, including data privacy, ethical dilemmas, and disparities in access to new technologies. Doctors must now balance scientific innovation with the timeless art of healing,” said a physician.

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The hidden heroes: Doctors behind the scenes



When we think of doctors, the image that often comes to mind is that of a surgeon in the operating room or a physician at a patient's bedside. However, a significant number of doctors work behind the scenes, making vital contributions to the healthcare ecosystem without ever stepping into a patient-facing role. These hidden heroes play a critical role in ensuring that modern medicine functions efficiently and effectively.

Medical researchers, for instance, spend years studying diseases, testing new drugs, and analysing health data to develop innovative treatments and improve existing ones. Their work forms the backbone of clinical advancements and pharmaceutical breakthroughs. Without their dedication, many life-saving therapies would remain undiscovered.

A hospital administrator said, "Pathologists and radiologists are the silent sentinels of diagnosis.

Though they may never meet the patients whose lives they impact, their expertise in reading tissue samples or imaging results provides frontline doctors with the information needed for accurate treatment decisions. These specialists often work long hours in labs and dark rooms, away from public recognition."

Doctors in administrative roles also wield immense influence. As medical directors, hospital administrators, or policymakers, they shape the protocols, systems, and strategies that govern patient care. Their decisions impact staffing, resource allocation, and public health measures, often determining the quality and accessibility of care across communities.

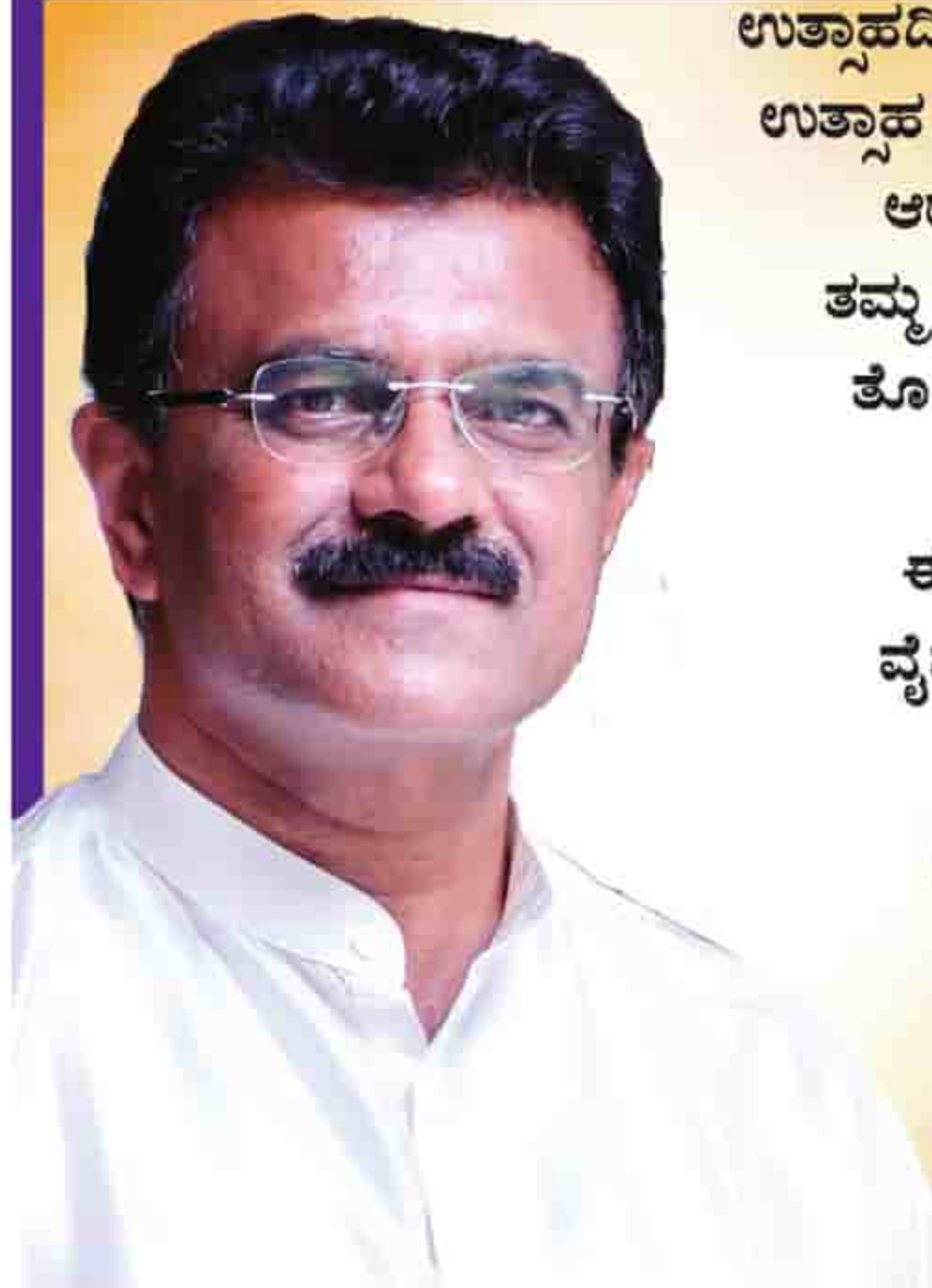
"In the digital age, doctors in medical informatics and data analysis are increasingly important. They design and manage electronic health record systems, safeguard patient data, and help integrate AI and machine learning into everyday medical practice. Their work ensures that healthcare keeps pace with technological advancements while maintaining safety and privacy", said a doctor.

Medical educators are another group of unsung heroes. By training the next generation of doctors, they carry forward the legacy of healing. Their classrooms, workshops, and mentorships lay the foundation for future innovations in care.

Though not always visible, these doctors are essential to the patient journey. They are the thinkers, planners, and innovators behind the scenes, supporting their peers on the frontlines. Recognising their contributions not only honours their commitment but also underscores the multifaceted nature of medicine. In

celebrating doctors, let us not forget those who work in the background, out of the spotlight but at the very heart of progress. These hidden heroes remind us that healing is not just about presence at the bedside—it is also about purpose, precision, and quiet perseverance.

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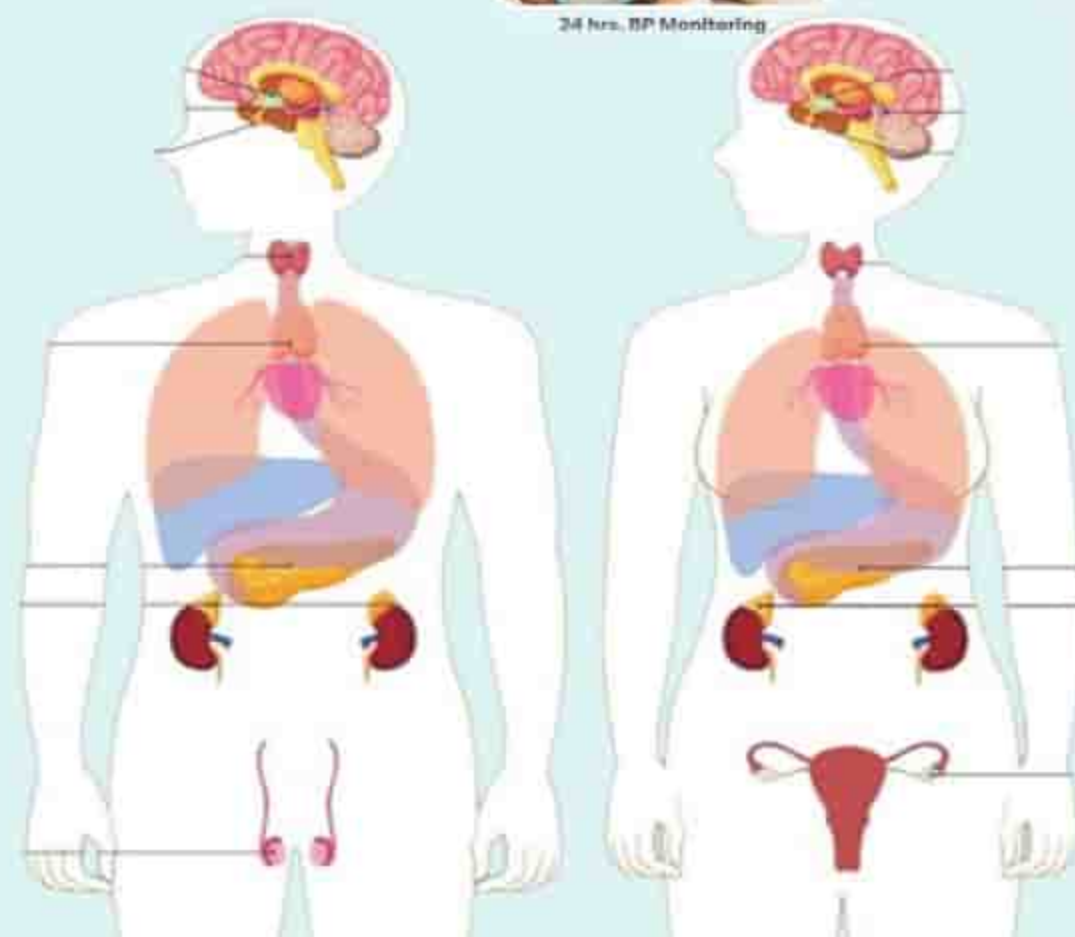
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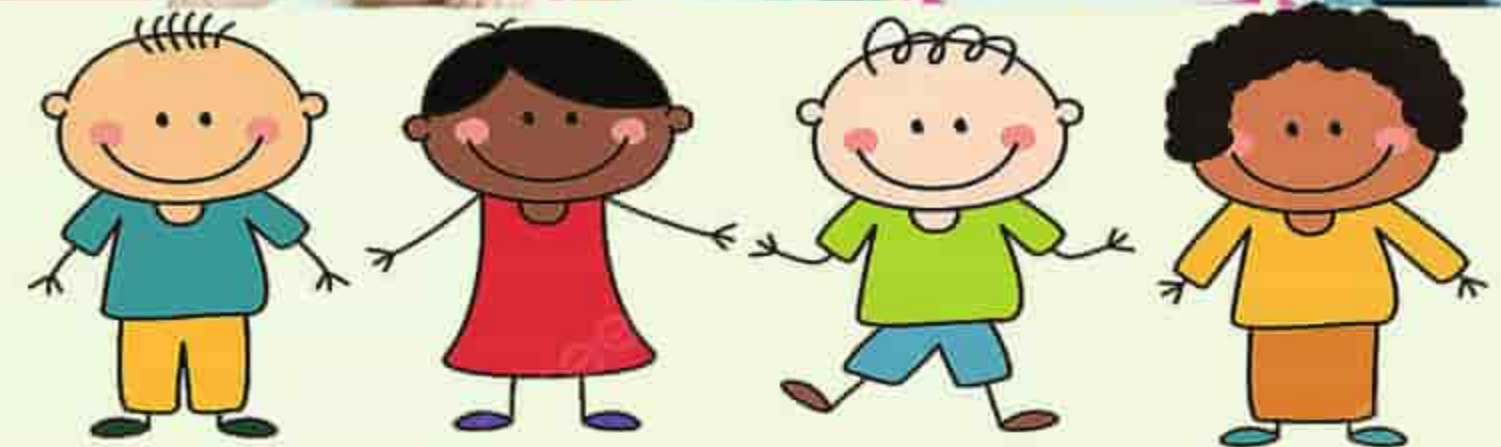
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'Compassion meets expertise' makes doctors real heroes



Doctors are often viewed through the lens of their academic achievements and clinical skills, but what truly sets them apart as everyday heroes is their ability to blend expertise with compassion. In every hospital room, clinic, and emergency ward, physicians exemplify the ethos of 'Compassion Meets Expertise' through their actions, big and small.

The journey of becoming a doctor is rigorous. It requires years of study, intense training, and ongoing education. However, the most impactful part of their job isn't just about making the right diagnosis or performing flawless surgeries—it's about how they treat the person behind the illness. A comforting word, a reassuring presence, and a willingness to listen are often as healing as any prescription.

A professor of medicine said, "This compassionate approach is especially evident in critical care and palliative settings, where medical outcomes may be uncertain, but emotional support

is crucial. Doctors often become the emotional anchor for patients and their families, offering strength during the most vulnerable moments of life. They make difficult conversations more bearable, guide people through their fears, and treat each case with dignity and empathy."

Experts said that in paediatric wards, doctors transform into storytellers and entertainers to ease a child's fear. In geriatric care, they become patient listeners, acknowledging the wisdom and concerns of the elderly. In mental health clinics, they become non-judgmental allies, offering safe spaces for healing.

Their compassion extends beyond clinical walls. Doctors often participate in community health drives, offer pro bono services to the underprivileged, and lead awareness campaigns for public health. They understand that healing doesn't just occur within hospitals; it begins in homes, communities, and policy-making rooms.

"Their expertise is not just a result of degrees, but of relentless hours spent in surgery, research, and patient care. Yet, it is their compassion that humanises them, that makes patients feel heard, valued, and safe. It's this combination that turns them into heroes—not the capes or the accolades, but the everyday choices to show up, stay back, and care deeply," said a physician.

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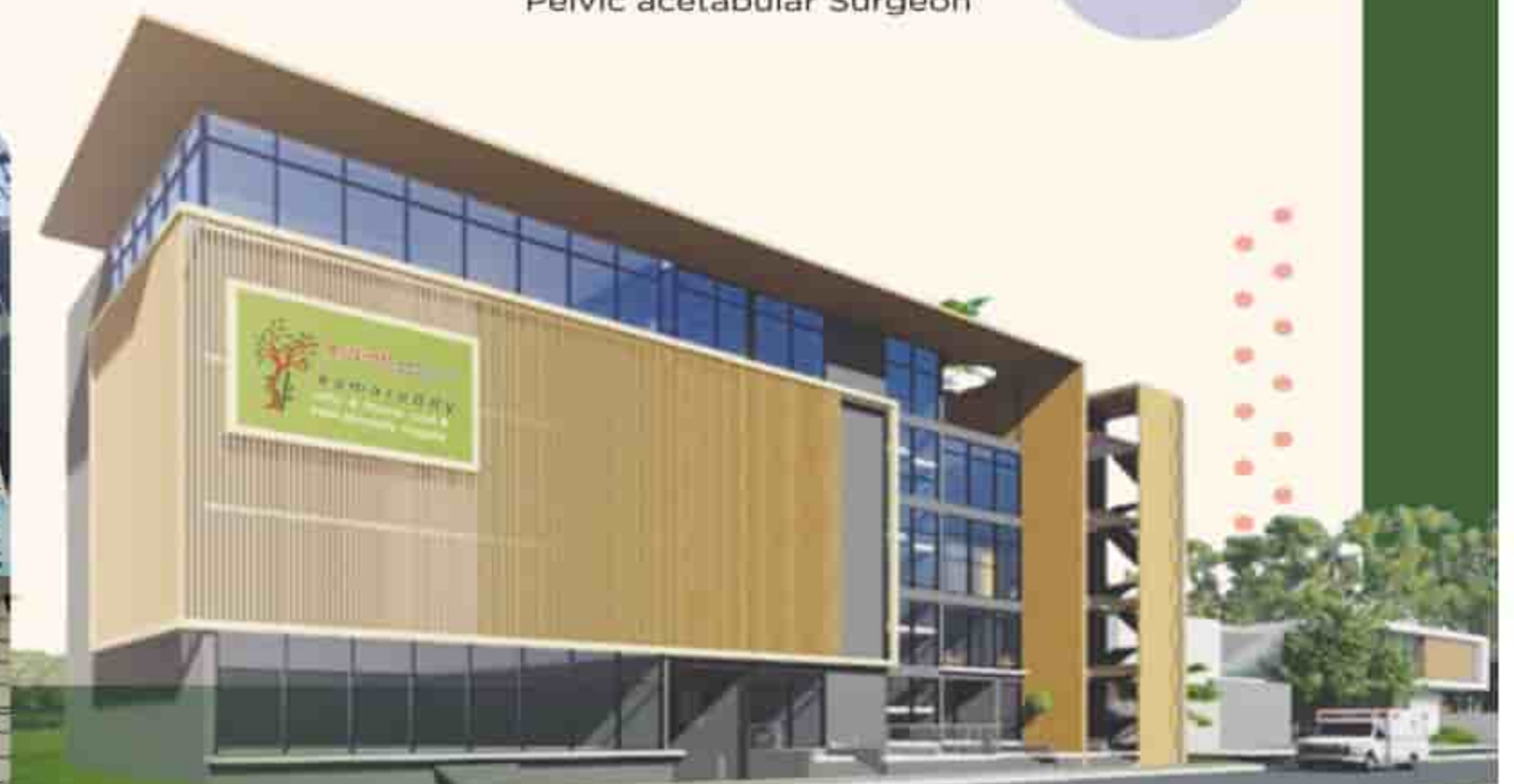


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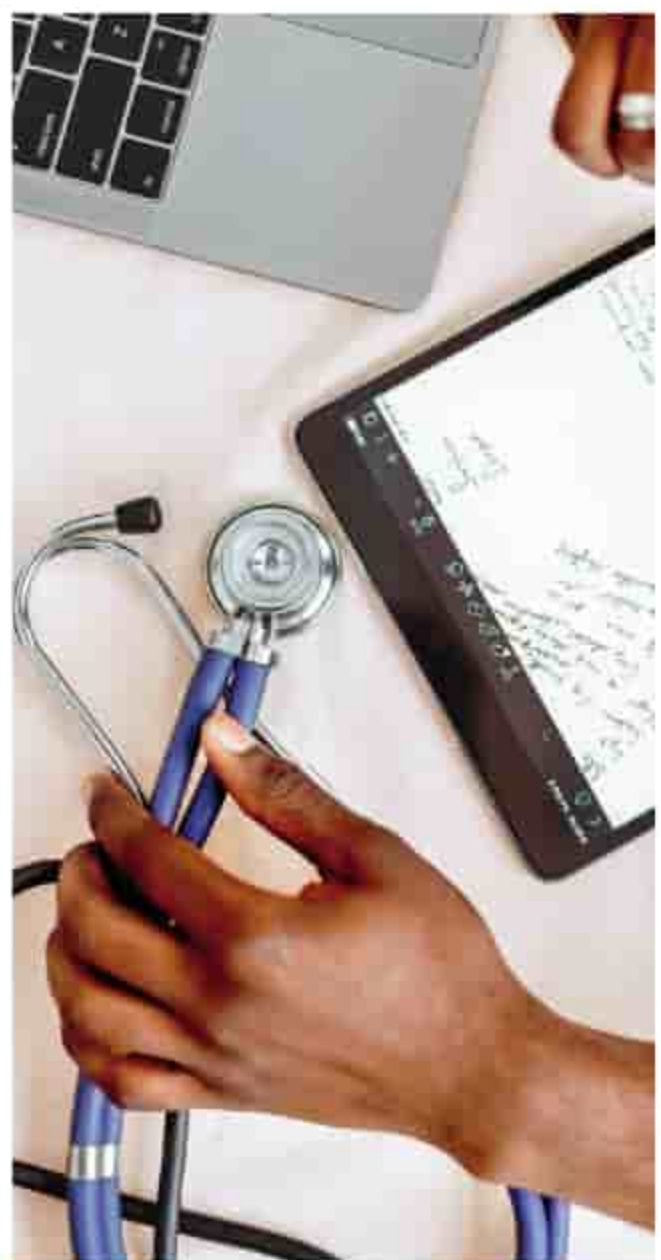


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A doctor's diary



The day begins before sunrise. A quick cup of coffee, a glance at patient charts, and the familiar white coat. As the hospital stirs to life, so does the doctor's diary—not a leather-bound book, but the lived experience of moments stitched together by healing, hope, and hardship.

Rounds start early. Each patient room holds a different story. There's a child recovering from surgery, a senior battling a chronic illness, and a worried parent clinging to reassurance. Doctors move swiftly, yet mindfully, attending to needs,

adjusting treatment plans, and offering comfort. Every minute counts.

Between rounds and consultations, there are discussions with nurses, calls to specialists, and updates to families. Often, decisions must be made quickly, weighing risks and benefits with precision and empathy. One diagnosis can change a life. One oversight can cost dearly. The stakes are high, and the burden is real.

Lunchtime rarely means rest. It's often a quick bite over case notes or research. The afternoon flows into more patient visits, administrative tasks, and sometimes unexpected emergencies. Amid all this, doctors also find moments of connection—a grateful smile, a recovering patient, a child's laughter. These are the joys that refill their emotional reserves.

Evenings can bring closure or more chaos. Surgeries, night shifts, or end-of-life conversations might be on the agenda. There's little predictability. The work doesn't always end when the shift does. There are lectures to prepare, papers to review, and sometimes, the emotional weight of the day to process.

Yet, doctors find ways to reset. A conversation with a colleague, a walk home, a moment with family. The next day awaits, and with it, another chance to make a difference.

The diary continues, page after page, written not in ink but in impact. This diary may never be published or praised, but it is profound. It captures the resilience, responsibility, and relentless dedication of those who choose to heal. Behind every successful recovery is a doctor's silent story—and in every story, a deep, unwavering commitment to care.



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No difference with Dy CM, Congress govt will remain like 'rock' for 5 years: CM

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, asked about rumours of a rivalry with Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress President DK Shivakumar, on Monday said that there are no differences between them.

Interacting with the media at Mysuru airport, the Chief Minister further asserted that the Congress-led government in the state will remain as stable as a "bande" (rock) for the full five-year term.

The term "bande" is often used in state political circles and the media to refer to Shivakumar.

Shivakumar, who was also present along with others, smiled at the reference. Asked whether he shares a good rapport with Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah replied: "Yes, we are on good terms." He then held Shivakumar's hand and lifted it, underscoring their unity.

"I and Deputy Chief Minister and state Congress President D.K. Shivakumar are united and have no differences, regardless of what others may say," Siddaramaiah asserted.

Questioned about whether people are trying to create differences between them, CM Siddaramaiah maintained that they will not listen to anyone on any of such matters.

Holding the hand of Shivakumar, he



reiterated: "There are no differences between us, and we won't entertain such talk."

About the visit of Congress General Secretary in charge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala, CM Siddaramaiah said Surjewala will gather opinions and carry out his responsibilities accordingly.

Surjewala is in charge of the Karnataka Congress unit. He will arrive and he will speak to the MLAs. He will ask them about the organisation of the party. He is in charge and he will carry out his duties accordingly, he stated.

Responding to the BJP's claim that Siddaramaiah will not remain in power to inaugurate this year's Dasara celebrations, the Chief Minister said the BJP is boundless in spreading lies.

He questioned how BJP leader B. Sriramulu - who lost both the Lok Sabha and assembly elections - could make predictions about the future. **IANs**

Don't sideline artisans: Plea after Prada faux pas

Minister speaks for artisans from state after Prada courts controversy with footwear resembling iconic Kolhapuri chappals

Amid controversy over Italian luxury brand 'Prada' featuring footwear resembling Kolhapuri chappals, Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge emphasised that the names, work, and legacy of the state's artisans who craft these iconic chappals must be recognised, not sidelined.

Taking a dig at the brand, he pointed out that Prada is essentially selling Kolhapuri chappals for Rs 1.2 lakh a pair.

In a post on 'X' on Sunday, Kharge highlighted that many of the artisans behind these handcrafted chappals live in Karnataka's Athani, Nippani, Chikkodi, Raibag, and other parts of Belagavi, Bagalkot, and Dharwad districts.

"They've been making these chappals for generations, selling them in nearby towns, especially Kolhapur, which became the default market and, over time, the brand," he said.

Facing backlash, Prada later acknowledged the connection, stating that the design is "inspired" by Indian handcrafted footwear. The fashion house clarified that the sandals featured in its men's 2026 fashion show are still at the design stage and have not been finalised for commercial sale.

Kharge also recalled how, during his tenure as Social Welfare Minister of Karnataka opposed Maharashtra's attempt to claim sole GI tag rights over Kolhapuris.

"Through LIDKAR, the state-owned leather products corpora-



An artisan busy at work making Kolhapuris; inset: A model presents a creation from Prada Spring-Summer 2026 menswear collection

tion, we fought to ensure Karnataka's artisans were not left out. I'm proud to say we succeeded," he said.

The GI tag was eventually granted jointly to four districts each in Karnataka and Maharashtra. "This was never a contest between the two states but about preserving our shared heritage and giving our artisans the legal recognition they deserve," Kharge added.

According to officials, Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram Leather Industries Development Corporation Ltd (LIDKAR) was established by the Karnataka government in 1976 with the main objective of developing the leather industry in the state and uplifting the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste leather artisans.



The Minister said the Prada episode is a reminder that GI tag recognition alone isn't enough and stressed the importance of cultural entrepreneurship.

"We need to invest in skilling, branding, design innovation, and global market access for these artisans. They don't just deserve credit—they deserve better prices, wider exposure, and the chance to build lasting, dignified livelihoods from their craft," he said.

When international fashion houses adopt our designs, the names, work, and legacy of our artisans should be showcased, not sidelined, said Priyank Kharge.

"The GI tag only gives them legal rights. It's now our responsibility to give them global platforms," he added. **PTI**

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Enforcement turns lax, violators carry on

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confiscation of 76,790.33 kg of plastic. Between September 2019 and June 2022 (three years preceding the ban), the BBMP had collected Rs 1.14 crore in fines and seized a little over 15,000 kg of items banned under the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, as enforced by the Karnataka government.

No drop

Grassroots activists and experts say there has been no drop in banned SUP items in the city, despite the ramped-up enforcement. "Since the ban was implemented in 2022, we are witnessing an increase in such items. Vendors freely use banned plastic bags, spoons, cups, thermocol bowls, etc. Items like silver plates, silver pouches, and NWPP bags are still widely used due to a lack of awareness, especially among consumers," said Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat, a citizen volunteer group.

Katrak says that previously, enforcement by authorities such as

the BBMP was consistent, causing violators to feel guilty if caught supplying banned items.

"Earlier, when we would enquire about banned plastic bags, the vendors would have some kind of guilt on their faces. In contrast, vendors today exhibit no such remorse, often deflecting responsibility to manufacturers," she added.

The 19 SUP items banned by the Centre include earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plastic plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straws, trays, wrapping or packaging films around sweet boxes, invi-

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—Odette Katrak, co-founder of Beautiful Bharat

tation cards, and cigarette packets, PVC banners less than 100 micron and stirrers.

Experts say stronger, consistent enforcement at the manufacturing and wholesale levels, increased public awareness through posters, educational materials, and connecting vendors with suppliers of affordable cloth bags, allowing them to profit from selling eco-friendly alternatives, are some measures to ensure the ban is successful. Coordination among multiple agencies, including the state pollution control board, the municipality, and law enforcement, is important.

"The volume of banned items has surged, making enforcement more challenging. Banning manufacturers requires cross-border enforcement, which has weakened, allowing more banned plastics to enter the system. Moreover, awareness among customers and vendors has diminished. Moreover, empowering vendors by connecting them with cloth bag suppliers could generate profit opportunities while discouraging the use of plastic," said another expert.



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Over 14,000 wildlife conflict cases unsettled in Karnataka this year

Delayed ex-gratia payments raise fears of rising retaliatory killings, risking both rural livelihoods and endangered wildlife in protected zones

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Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) has thousands of human-wildlife conflict cases pending. According to data from the Forest Department, 14,245 cases involving an ex-gratia amount of ₹22.82 crore remain unsettled in 2024-25.

Wildlife activists and conservationists have raised concerns over the backlog, warning that delays in compensation may increase hostility toward wildlife and trigger retaliatory actions such as the recent killing of five tigers in Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (MM Hills WLS).

"Households near protected forests depend on cattle and farmland for survival. When crops are destroyed or animals are killed by wild animals, it becomes a major financial blow. If compensation is delayed, farmers may resort to extreme measures to protect their land, which puts wildlife at greater risk," said a conservationist.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, KFD registered over 35,000 human-animal conflict cases. While ₹21.16 crore has already been disbursed as compensation, claims amounting to ₹22.82 crore are still pending, most of them related to crop damage.

In contrast, the previous years recorded fewer pending cases. In 2023-24, more than 50,000 cases were reported, but only 1,652



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Recent tiger killings in MM Hills raise alarm as unresolved conflict cases threaten fragile coexistence

Timely ex-gratia payment is crucial; any loss due to wild animals may lead farmers to take extreme measures to protect farmlands

—Wildlife conservationist

remained unsettled. In 2022-23, of the 47,287 cases registered, 1,012 were still pending by the year-end.

A government order issued in 2022 outlines the ex-gratia compensation in cases involving human injury or death. The legal heir of a person killed in a wild animal attack is entitled to ₹15 lakh. Those permanently disabled receive

₹10 lakh, while those with partial disabilities are given ₹5 lakh. In addition, the families of deceased or permanently disabled individuals are eligible for a monthly pension of ₹4,000 for five years.

To address growing concerns among farmers, the government recently revised and enhanced compensation for crop and livestock losses. The amount paid for crop damage has been doubled, and additional crops including mango, sapota, jackfruit, pomegranate, custard apple, and mulberry are now covered under the scheme.

Compensation for livestock losses has also been revised. For large domestic animals such as cows, oxen, and buffaloes, the amount has been increased from ₹10,000 to ₹30,000. For smaller animals like chickens, horses, or don-

keys, ex-gratia payments are made as per the rates prescribed under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

In 2023-24, the state government allocated ₹4,740.86 lakh for disbursing ex-gratia related to wildlife conflicts.

A senior KFD official said that pending cases are mostly related to crop damage, and not loss of human life. "Some cases may be delayed due to fund shortages. However, compensation in cases of fatalities is never withheld and is released immediately on humanitarian grounds," the official clarified.

The rising number of unresolved cases, especially in forest-fringe areas, has sparked fears that without timely support, tensions between humans and wildlife may only worsen.

Encroachers eat up Mahadevapura

Despite skyrocketing real estate prices in Bengaluru, land grabbers have allegedly encroached upon over 619 acres of prime government land in Mahadevapura constituency by forging documents and creating fake ownership records, resulting in the construction of high-rise buildings now dotting the area.

Sources estimate the market value of the encroached land at a staggering ₹49,000 crore. Mahadevapura constituency comprises 973 government land parcels spanning over 14,499 acres, of which significant portions have been illegally occupied. Official data shows 140.63 acres encroached in Varthur, 123.97 acres in Siddapura, 85.41 acres in Ramagondanahalli, 68.82 acres in Sorahunase, and 32.12 acres in Valepura, with more cases reported in Channasandra, Mullur, and Kachamaranahalli.

Locals allege that influential individuals have systematically taken over gomala lands, tank beds, grazing grounds, and cremation spaces across several villages.

—BMB

Polluting fuels damage women

Women exposed to household air pollution from cooking fuels may be at a higher risk of cognitive impairment than men, a study by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has found.

Published in The Lancet Regional Health Southeast Asia, the study analysed MRI brain scans of older adults in rural Srinivasapura, Karnataka, and found that women may experience greater adverse effects on the brain due to indoor air pollution.

Researchers from IISc and the University of Chicago said burning solid fuels like firewood or cow dung in poorly ventilated kitchens releases pollutants such as carbon and nitrogen oxides, sulphur compounds, heavy metals, and particulate matter.

—PTI

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Cauvery in full flow: Twin waterfalls roar to life again

Karnataka's Gaganachukki and Bharachukki waterfalls are now gushing majestically with Cauvery's increased flow, offering a breathtaking spectacle and historical significance, while urging caution due to strong currents

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With the Kabini and Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) reservoirs brimming over, the mighty Cauvery is now in majestic form, gushing downstream and breathing new life into Karnataka's famed twin waterfalls Gaganachukki and Bharachukki.

The waterfalls, set amid rocky terrain, are a spectacular monsoon sight as the Cauvery splits into two distinct branches. On the western

side, the river plunges into the thunderous Gaganachukki Falls, while on the east, it fans out into the broader, more scenic Bharachukki Falls. Together, they form one of the largest river islands in South India, encircled by ancient temple ruins that echo tales of a forgotten village.

What sets these falls apart is their segmented nature: the Cauvery divides into several channels before cascading over the cliffs, creating a wide curtain of water. The total width of the falls stretches to a breathtaking 849 meters, with a vertical drop of about 90 meters. On



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Gaganachukki and Bharachukki falls span 849 meters, showcasing segmented beauty and thunderous drops

average, over 934 cubic meters of water surge down each second, with past records peaking at an astounding

18,887 cubic meters per second.

Adding to the site's historical significance is Asia's second-oldest

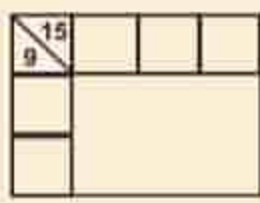
hydroelectric power station, located nearby. Commissioned by Sir K Seshadri Iyer, the then Dewan of Mysore, the station first powered the Kolar Gold Fields making it the first town in Asia to be lit by hydroelectricity.

For travellers, the falls are accessible via KSRTC and private buses from Bengaluru to Kollegal. From Sattigala, a short taxi or auto ride takes visitors to the site. The journey, especially during the monsoon, offers a mix of serenity and awe.

Authorities have urged tourists to exercise caution. Swimming is strictly prohibited, as the river is in full spate and currents remain dangerously strong. Viewing platforms offer safe vantage points, ensuring visitors don't miss the raw power and beauty of the monsoon-fed Cauvery in action.

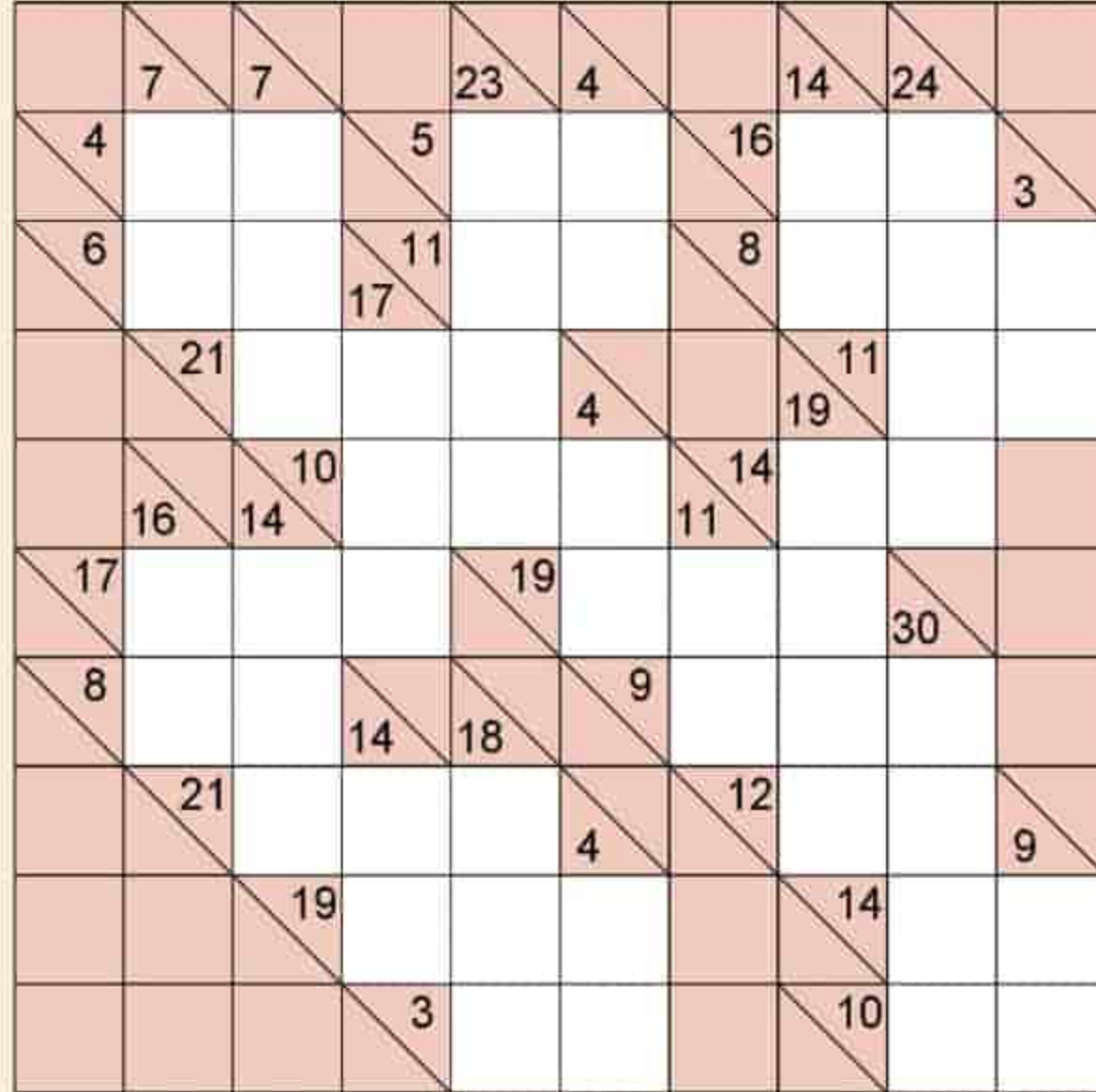
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

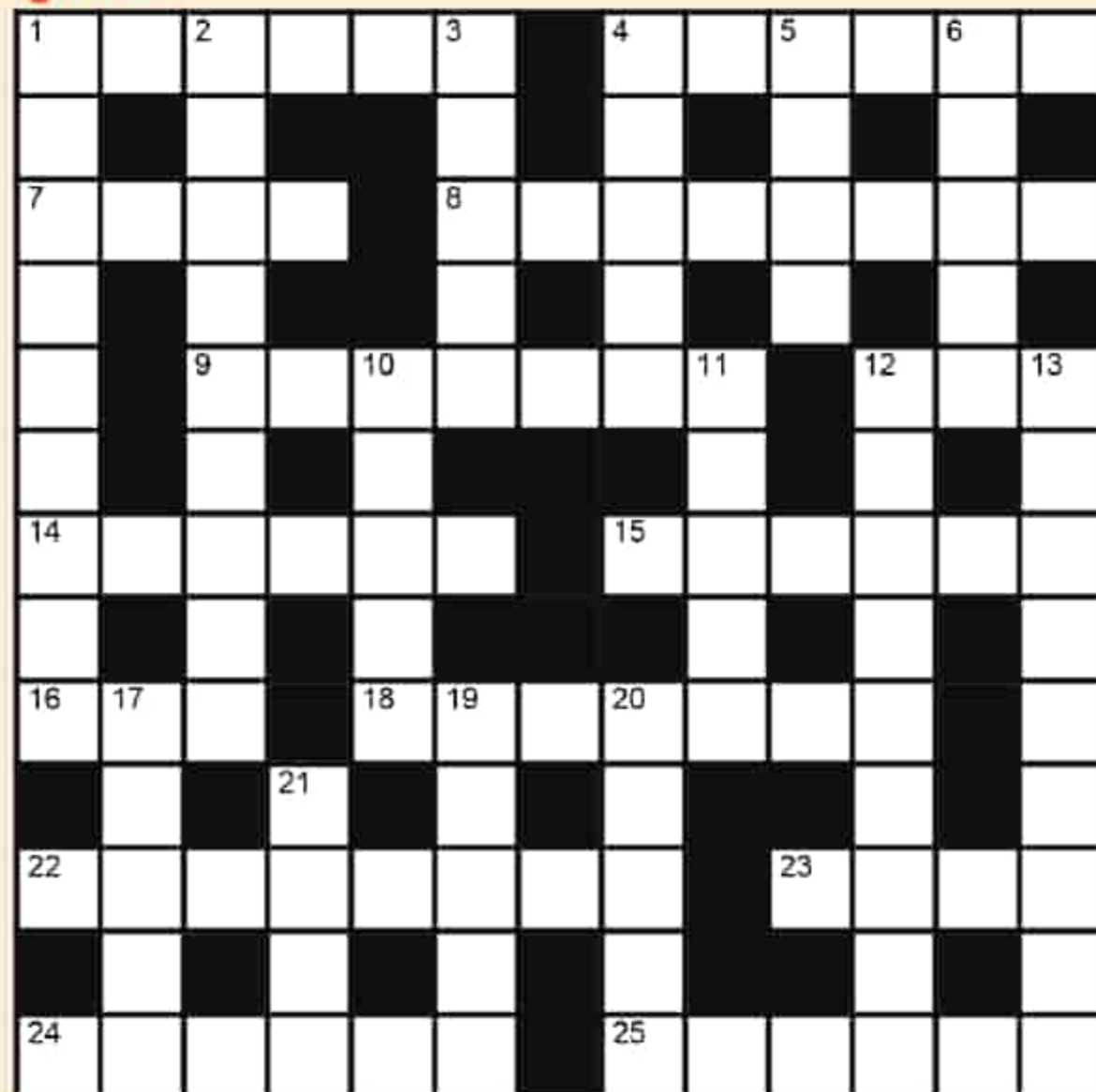


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Morose or ill-humoured (6)
- 4 Far eastern temple (6)
- 7 Heavenly body (4)
- 8 D-Day landing site (8)
- 9 Oceanic or marine (7)
- 12 Rock group ____ Leppard (3)
- 14 Just copes (4,2)
- 15 One of the Baltic countries (6)
- 16 Average or normal (3)
- 18 ____ out : defeated one's boxing opponent? (7)
- 22 Our erstwhile PHL team (2-6)
- 23 Rain heavily (4)
- 24 Literary compositions (6)
- 25 Violated a law of God (6)

DOWN

- 1 Recapitulating (7,2)
- 2 Care for (4,5)
- 3 Japanese assassin (5)
- 4 Indian Zoroastrian (5)
- 5 Clothes (4)
- 6 Sidestep (5)
- 10 Tashkent native (5)
- 11 Eccentric (5)
- 12 First Tasmanian to play test cricket for Australia (5,4)
- 13 Broken (bone) (9)
- 17 Out of order (5)
- 19 Requires (5)
- 20 Points at which two curves meet (5)
- 21 Forearm bone (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: O EQUALS P

JL OIBODI EITDDZ DJMIY FB QBEM, QI'Y VFJDD UI ODBQJRW FCI DTRY QJFC VFJAMV TRY FETRVBEFJRW WBBYV BR BGE UTAMV.



Linemaro

The only crime I will ever commit is steal your heart



Mindchow

It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one



Joke of the day

Fiddle: An instrument to tickle human ears by friction of a horse's tail on the entrails of a cat

Loop

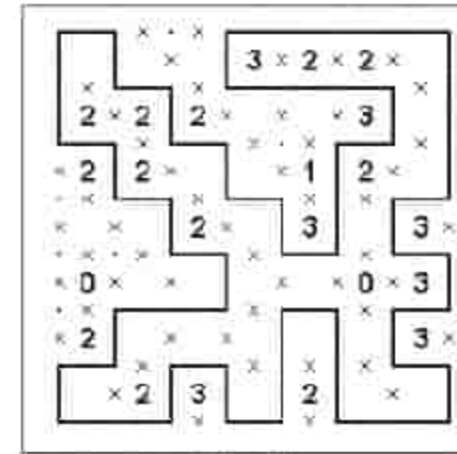
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

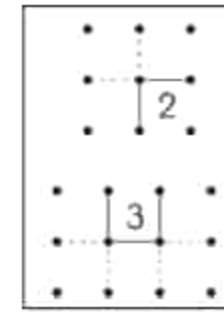
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

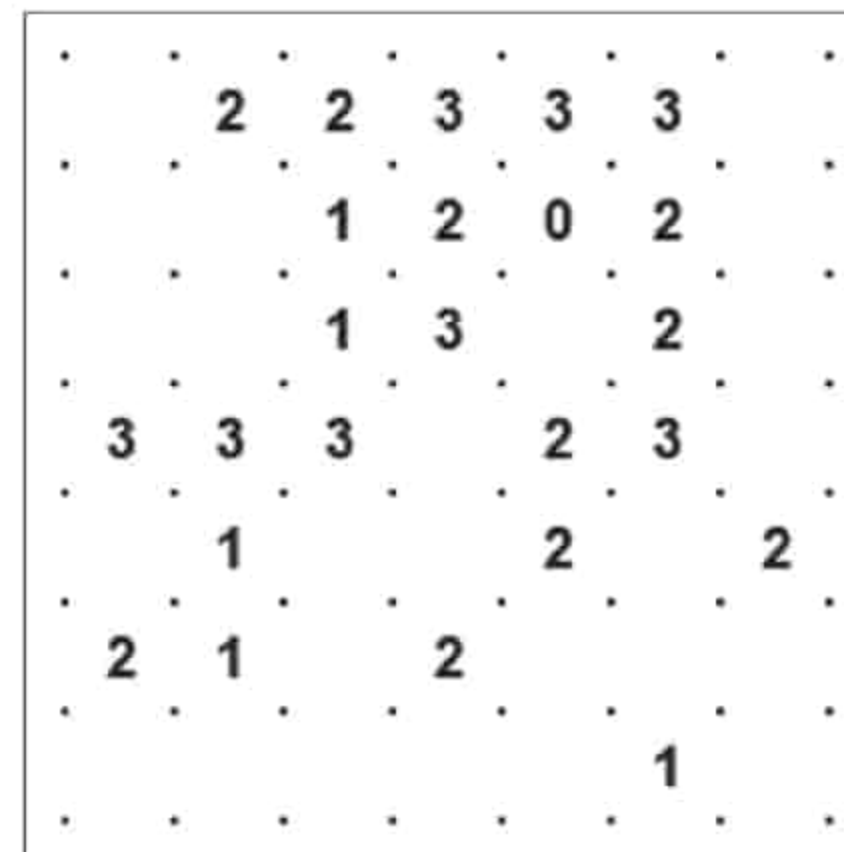
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



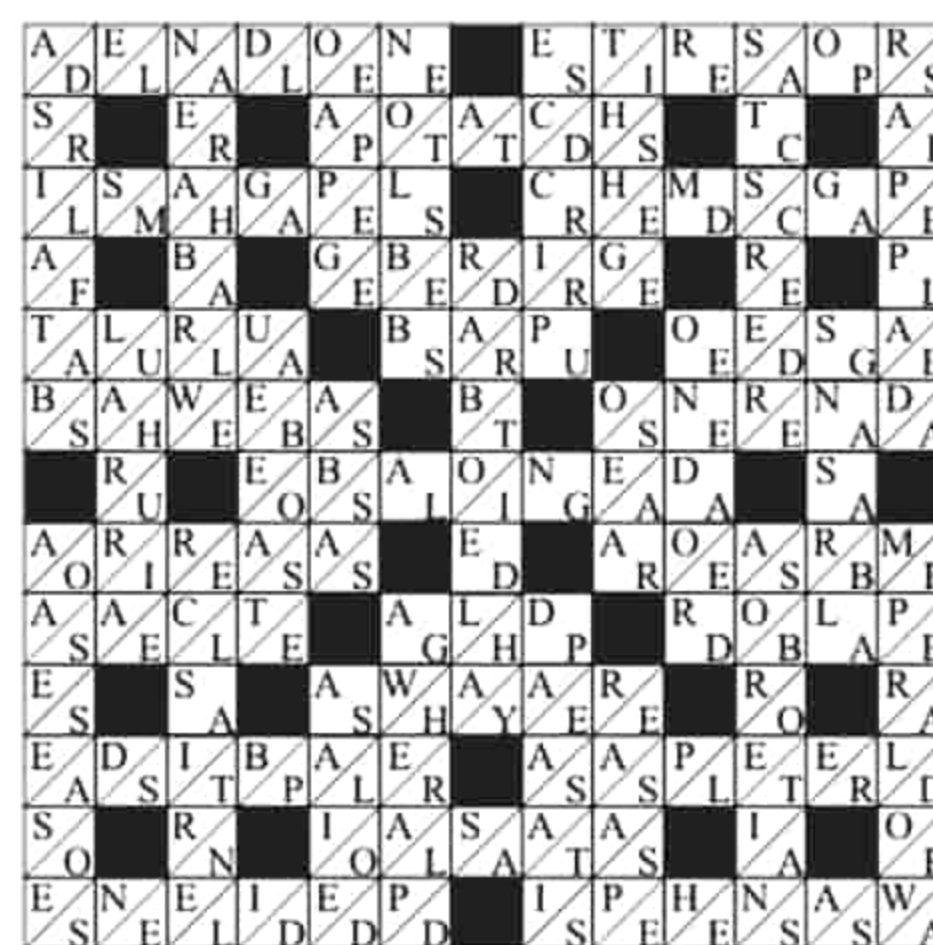
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



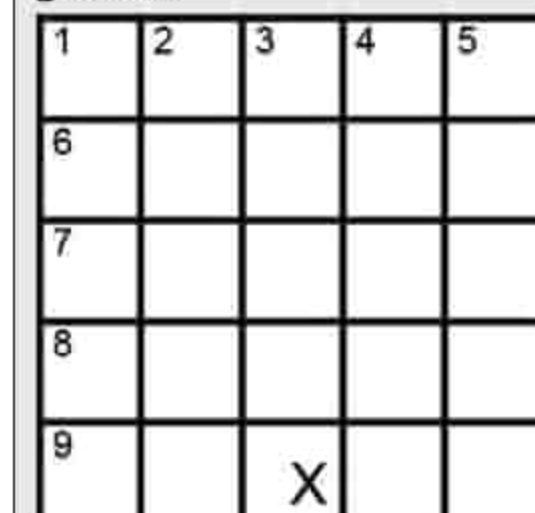
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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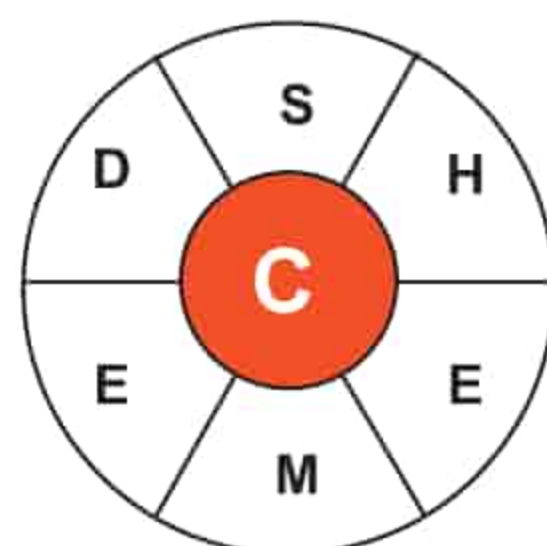
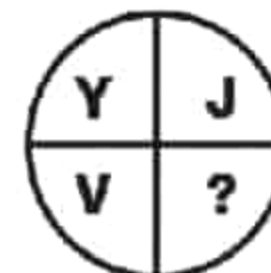
- 1 Strap; 6 An par;
- 7 Idols; 8 I dime;
- 9 Extra

DOWN

- 1 Spilt; 2 Priam;
- 3 Rid ax; 4 No ade;
- 5 Tears

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the puzzle?

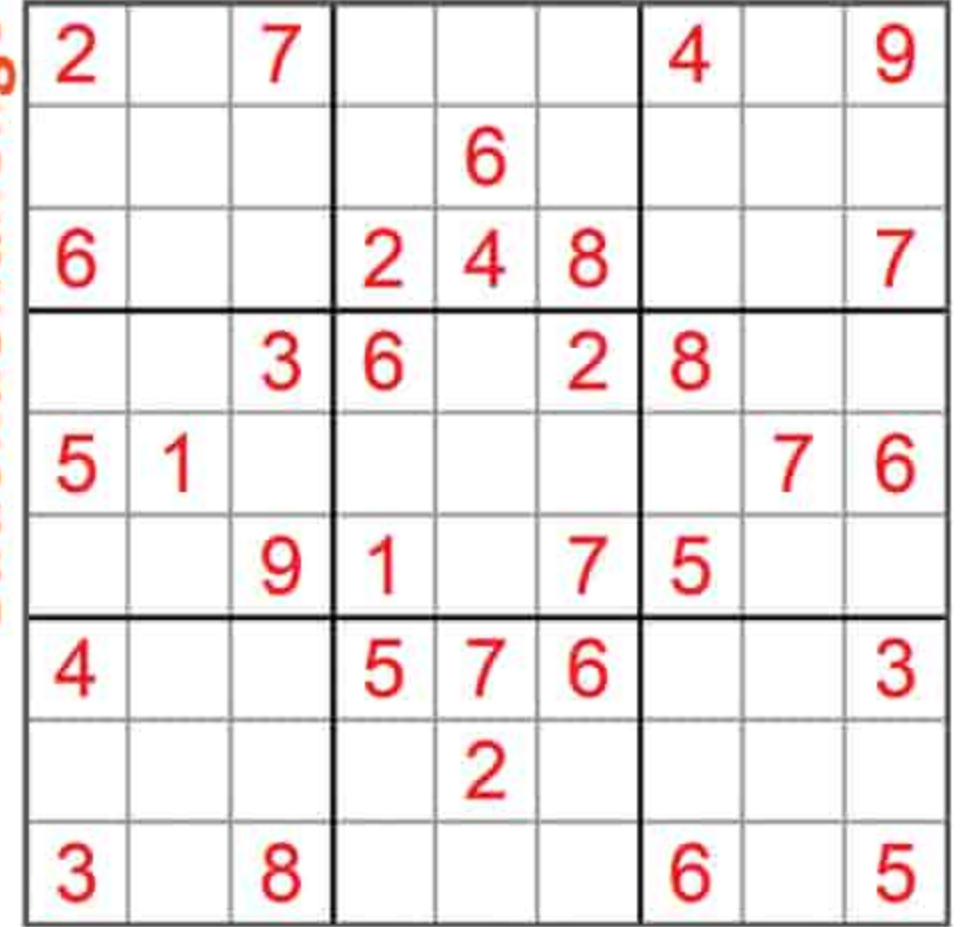


Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

2 4 8 9 = 5

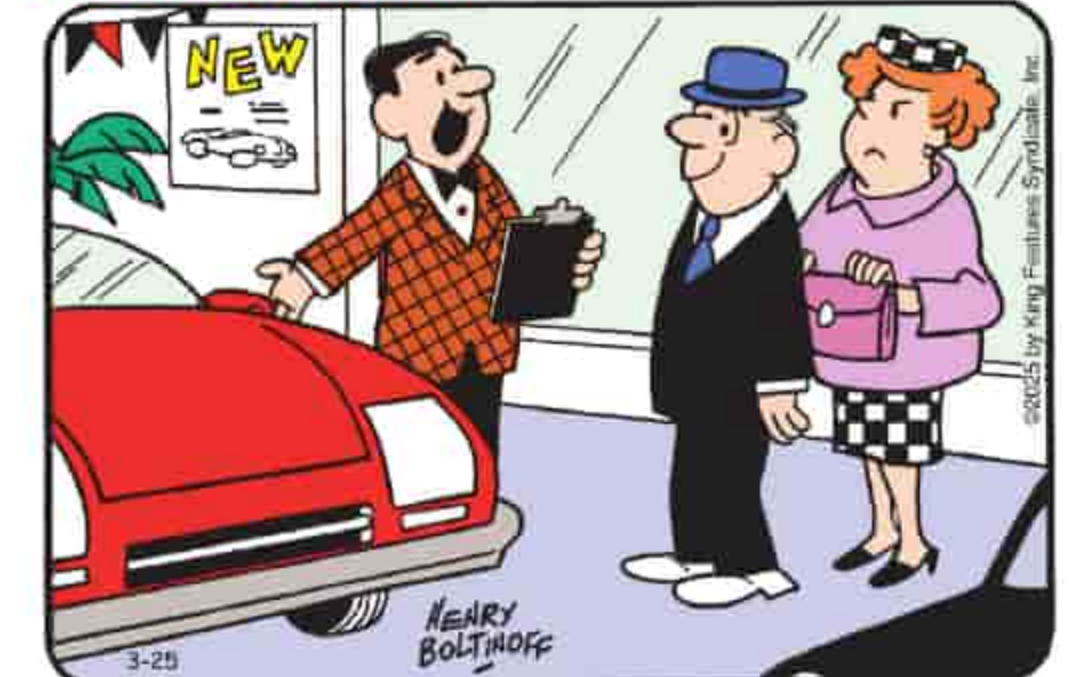
Medium

3 6 6 8 = 5

Hard

4 4 7 7 = 22

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Skirt is different. 3. Car on poster is reversed. 4. Clipboard is longer. 5. Collar is missing. 6. Man is taller.

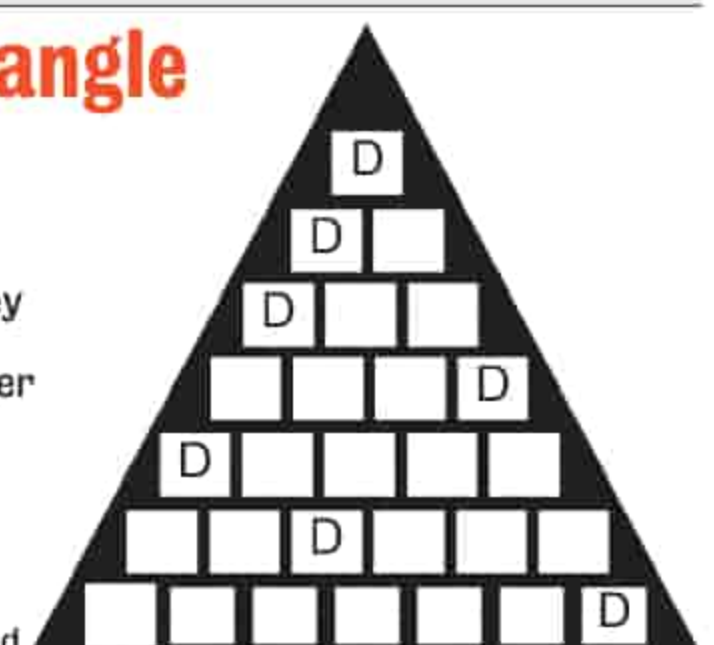
Riddler

Beginning with the word "in," add one letter from the given pool to create a new word until you get a seven-letter word meaning "being in a state of suppressed agitation, worry, or resentment." Pool: T G E S W 1) IN 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)

Alpha triangle

- 1 Fourth letter
- 2 Delaware, abbr.
- 3 Winter mo.
- 4 Yelled Action!
- 5 One less than trey
- 6 Lose weight
- 7 Saved from danger

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may find yourself in a phase of self-reflection, which will boost your confidence and clarity toward your goals. Your creativity is likely to flourish, and you may develop an interest in art, movies, fashion, or real-life aesthetics. By the end of the day, you'll feel satisfied with your progress. Opposition from rivals may subside, giving you a sense of control and peace.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Domestic matters may keep you occupied today. You might spend on home decor or household items. However, be mindful of overspending on non-essential things, as it could invite negative energy into your space. Also, avoid speaking harshly to those around you to maintain harmony.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today brings blessings from elders and a calm sense of patience. Your focus on work will be strong, and your parents' health may improve. Spending quality time with elders will bring joy. You might also meet an influential person who helps with your career. Romantic relationships will thrive, strengthening your home environment.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you'll be inclined to help those in need, which will enhance your reputation in your surroundings. Innovative ideas may come to you, and you'll likely implement them in your work, contributing to business growth. Lovebirds may plan a romantic outing or an adventurous trip, bringing joy and bonding.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

After recent challenges, today brings comfort and clarity. Your renewed energy will help you make important decisions, especially in family business matters, contributing to its growth. Helping those in need may earn you social respect. Students are likely to gain clarity about their career paths.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Spirituality may take centre stage today. You might help others or donate to a charitable or religious cause. Your good karma could aid in overcoming tough challenges. A sense of divine support may guide you through the day. Interest in the occult could rise, and students may enjoy deep and meaningful studies.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Dissatisfaction and emotional detachment may cloud your day. Confusion regarding responsibilities might slow progress. You may create plans in theory but struggle with practical execution. Stay grounded and focus on completing tasks efficiently. Care for your parents' well-being is also important today.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

You may feel low today, with health concerns, anxiety, or restlessness affecting your mood. Avoid major financial decisions, especially in business or real estate. Refrain from long-distance travel and reckless driving. Meditation or breathing exercises can help improve your sleep and bring inner calm.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you might feel uneasy or emotionally unsettled, possibly due to hidden fears or insecurity. Trust issues may surface, making you hesitant to rely on others. Meditation and spiritual practices can help restore balance. With the blessings of elders, you'll likely find relief from this mental clutter by evening.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

A productive day lies ahead. Your hard work is likely to bring success both at work and home. You'll maintain focus and complete your tasks efficiently, boosting your confidence. A short, work-related trip may arise, helping to expand your professional network in the near future.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Blessings from elders will uplift your spirits today. Financial investments may start yielding returns, and previous losses could turn into profits. Your savings may grow, and you may plan for your children's future. Enjoying delicious food at home is likely, and health issues related to the throat, teeth, ears, or nose may improve.

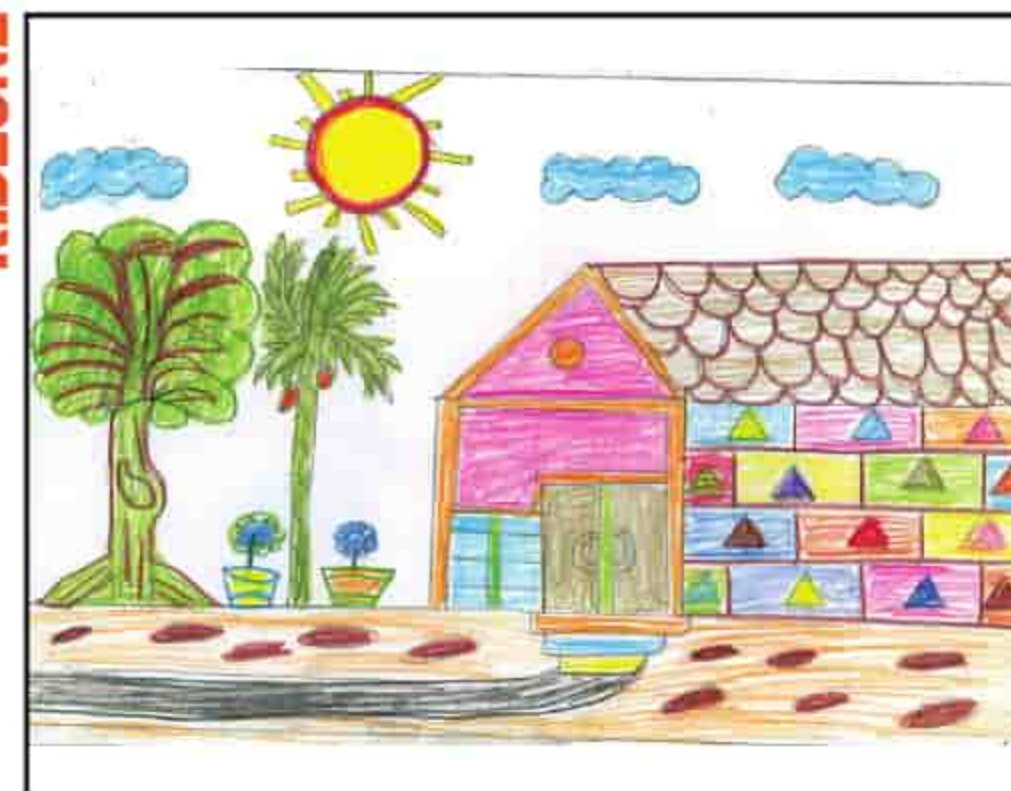


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

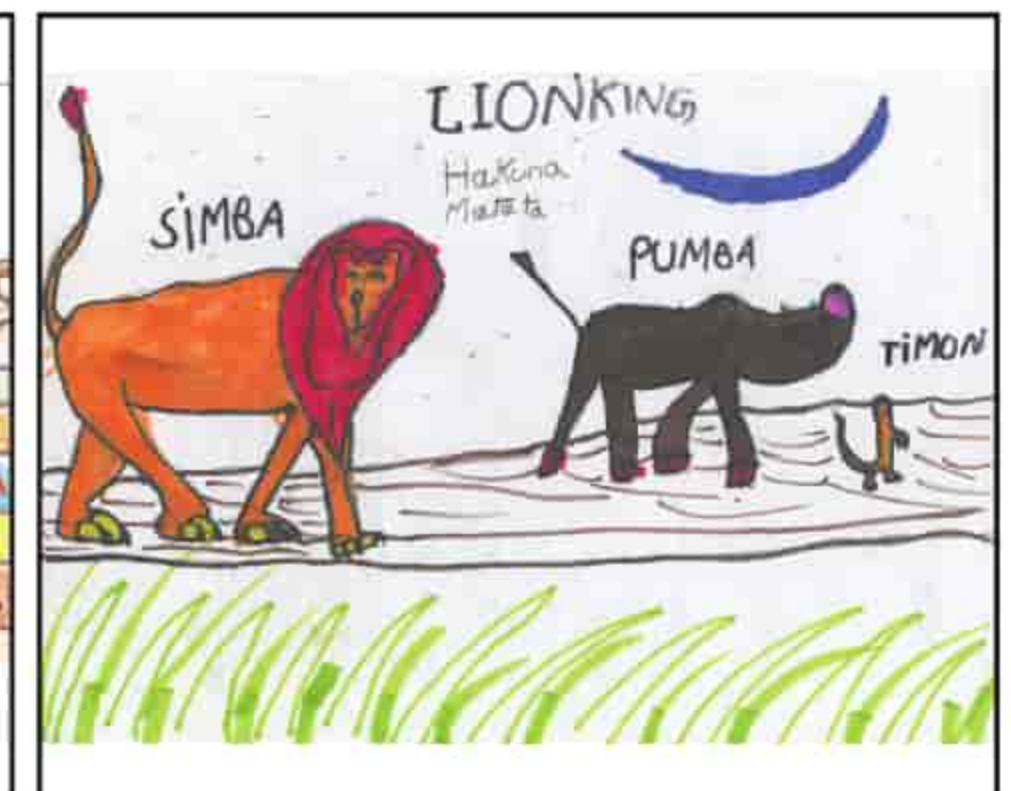
Today may be busy and productive. Your professional network will expand, possibly bringing in a significant business order. You may initiate a new venture or partnership that sparks innovation. Financial support or investment is likely to arrive. Those working in film, glamour, design, or household industries may perform exceptionally well.



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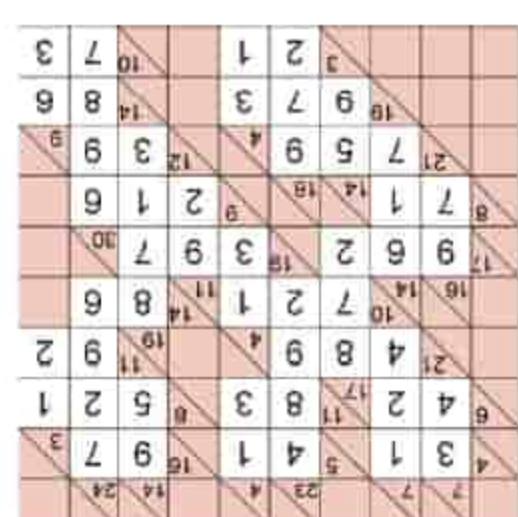
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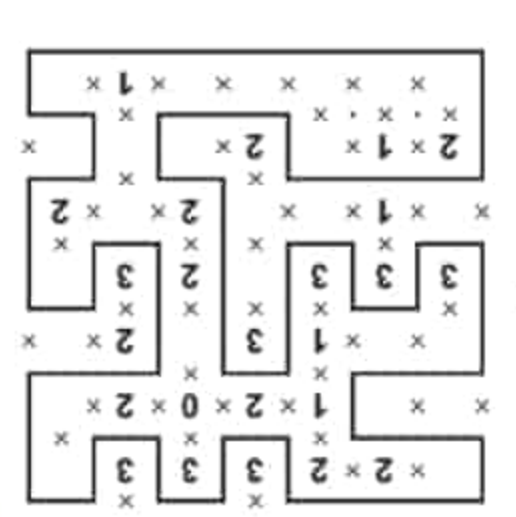
Agasthya Ajay Murthy, 8 years, NPS School

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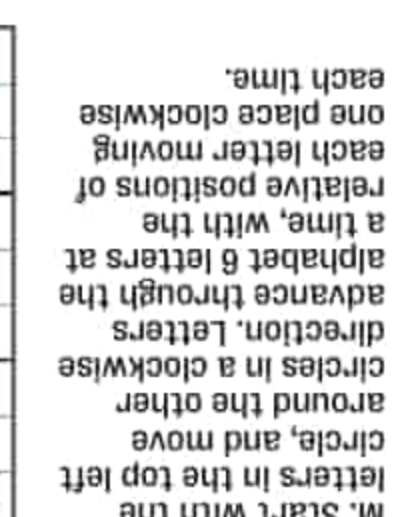
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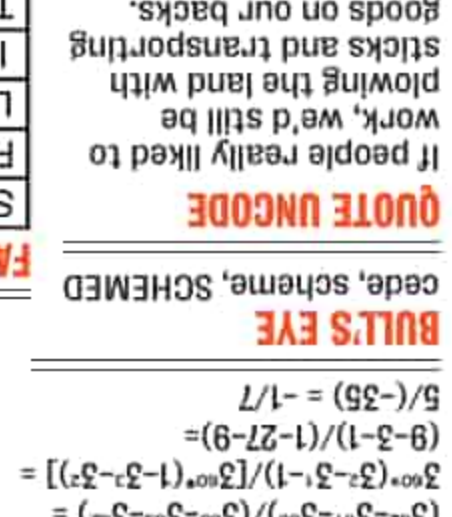
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



RIDDLER



SOLVE IN 1M

Home is where the heart is

Janhvi gives heart-warming tour into first house her mom Sridevi ever bought

Actress Janhvi Kapoor recently opened the doors to her family's cherished Chennai home, a property that has an emotional value for the Kapoor family. The home, which was the first property ever purchased by the legendary actress Sridevi, has now become a sanctuary where her memory lives on in every corner, lovingly preserved by husband Boney Kapoor and daughters Janhvi and Khushi.

The 'Devara' actress gave a tour to Vogue. She enters the house through a side door to start the tour, and she walks straight into a large living room. The home's vintage charm is evident as soon as one enters. Large paintings, antique artefacts, and elaborate chandeliers adorn the room. The spacious living room has oversized sofas.

The walls are dotted with paintings created by Sridevi herself, making the space not just a home but a gallery of

her spirit and creativity. There's also a painting by Subhash Awchat and a cherished artifact brought from Bali. In the second living room with white and gold detailing, Janhvi offers a glimpse into her father's personal space, filled with "10,000 photos of us".

Janhvi reveals the house had to undergo a remodel after her mother's passing due to leakage and disrepair and her father made it like his mission to redo it in her mother's memory so that they could spend time in the house. She spoke about the house, "It was the first property that mom ever bought. It was very different when she bought it. She decided to do it up after she got married to dad and travelled all over the world and found these art pieces, paintings, textiles." Janhvi shared how Boney Kapoor kept the renovated home a surprise and unveiled it on Khushi Kapoor's birthday. — ETimes



Wearer of many hats



Singer and actress Rihaanah has donned multiple hats in the upcoming movie "The Smurfs". Along with lending her voice to Smurfette, she is also the producer and musical head of the project.

Shedding light on playing multiple roles in the drama, Rihaanah called it equally thrilling and challenging.

Speaking during the global promotions, the 'Battleship' actress talked about her experience of being a part of the movie.

"It was invigorating and exciting for me to not only embody a character but also bring my musical life into the mix. We worked with music producers and choreographers whose work I admire. To put those two worlds together was a win-win for everyone. It pushed us all to challenge our artistry", Rihaanah added.

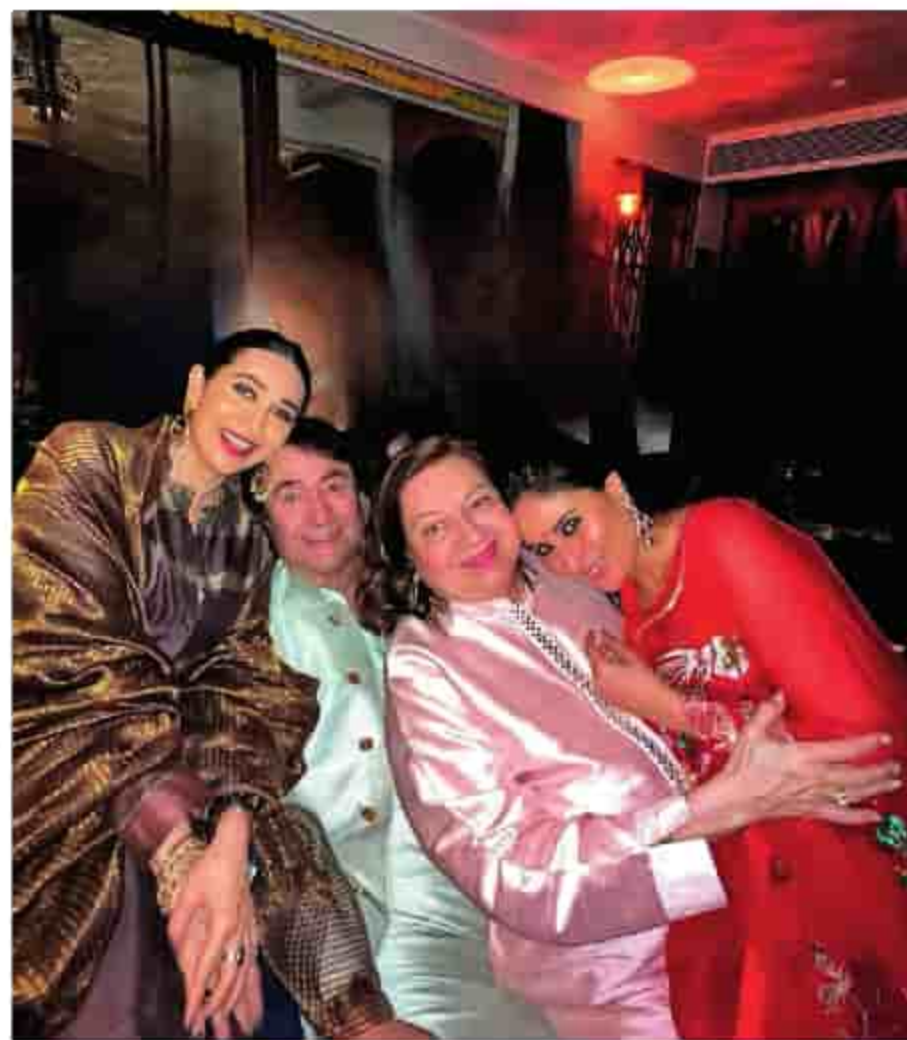
She further revealed that during her childhood in Barbados, "Smurfs" was a part of her routine. The 'Ocean's 8' actress went on to share, "So many mornings, I woke up long before I was supposed to get ready for school just to get that dose of Smurfs."

Rihaanah added that she has related a lot to the character of Smurfette and what she stands for. "First of all, I have always loved makeup and hair. We all know that. And she's an esthetician. She's also a powerful leader, independent, strong, beautiful, sassy, witty, and very empathetic. I was super-inspired by all of that. I think she loves music too and her favorite genres are hip-hop, reggae, Afrobeats, ballads, and house. That's Smurfette. She needs options," she said. — IANS

Family reunion

Bollywood actors Randhir Kapoor and Babita Kapoor made their separation official in 1988, and now their daughter – actress Kareena Kapoor Khan – has opened up about their decision to reunite and be together during their twilight years. The couple, who never legally divorced, have long shared an amicable bond despite living separately. Kareena and her sister Karisma Kapoor were raised primarily by Babita following the separation.

In a recent conversation with Mojo Story, Kareena Kapoor spoke about their decision to reunite: "Everyone's parents are the best parents in the world. And my parents are the best parents in the world. Now, they have decided to just spend their old age holding hands together because that's where their



journey started, and that's exactly where they are together."

Kareena stated that the decision made both her and her sister Karisma feel happy, and they consider it a divine intervention. "Individually, I think both of them have been wonderful because, I mean, my father has always supported whatever I wanted to do in my life. They were very supportive," she added.

Kareena acknowledged the roles both Randhir and Babita played in shaping her and Karisma's careers. She also shared that her father holds deep admiration for Babita, particularly for the way she nurtured their daughters and supported their ambitions in the film industry.

— ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Audio, trailer out

The trailer and music of Lakshya were unveiled at Renukamba Preview Theatre on Wednesday. Former MLC Arun Shahapur, Lahari Velu, and Sunil were the guests of honour at the function. They appreciated the director. The movie is along the lines of the recently released film Puppy, a children's movie based on the struggles of children who have migrated from North Karnataka.

The movie's post-production

works are expected to be completed in a few days.

Lakshya is based on the real incident that took place in North Karnataka during the 1990s. Arjun P Donora has written its script and screenplay apart from handling the megaphone and also bankrolled it under the Samrat Productions banner.



"Lakshya is a children's movie. The movie highlights how children have to work hard to realise their dreams. The dialogues are laced with North Karnataka diction and most of the actors are from the region," said Donora.

Donora said the movie has a message to society. "The movie emphasises on the need to address children's problems. It has some entertainment elements besides social problems," he said. He said Arav Rishik has scored music for three songs. Dr Doddarange Gowda, Shankar Pagoji, and Shivanand have written the lyrics.

25 days' celebration

While most Kannada movies are being withdrawn from theatres within a few days, a few are managing to be screened for more than a week. One such film, Thayavva has successfully completed screening for 25 days. Producer Geethapriya, who played the lead, organised a success meet at a star hotel recently. Geethapriya bankrolled the movie highlighting the role of midwives in rural areas.

"I am very happy with the success of Thayavva at the box office. The movie has received good response from the moviegoers and rave reviews from media when it was released on May 30 across Karnataka," said Geethapriya.

Veteran actor-cum-director Suresh



Heblikar, music director and lyricist K Kalyan, Lahari Velu, director Yogaraj Bhat, and Krupanidhi Group of Institutions chairman Suresh Nagapal, actor Niranjan Shetty, and actress Sindhu Lokanath graced the success meet and congratulated the cast and crew.

Thanking the guests, Geethapriya said she felt very happy when the audiences appreciated the movie. "Midwives in rural areas are the inspiration for me to bankroll this movie and also to play the lead role," she said.